## 'Blissfully happy' Lady Diana to marry Prince of Wales

Months of speculation ended yesterday when Buckingham Palace announced that the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer were engaged to be married. The wedding will almost certainly take place in Westminster Abbey towards the end of July. Lady Diana, who said she was "delighted,

thrilled, blissfully happy" will move out of her Kensington flat to an undisclosed address and will give up her job as a kindergarten teacher. The Prince is aged 32 and Lady Diana. is aged 19, but the couple yesterday dismissed the age gap as unimportant.

## Westminster Abbey wedding in late July is expected

By John Witherow Buckingham Palace ended months of speculation about the

romance between the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer with an announcement yesterday of their engagement No date or place has been set for the wedding, but it will almost certainly take place towards the end of July in Westminster Abbey, the traditional setting for such import-

tional setting for such import-ant state occasions and the scene of the coronations of almost all English monarchs since William the Conqueror.
The announcement was made The announcement was made in a brief statement at 11 am:

"It is with the greatest pleasure that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh announce the betrothal of their beloved son, the Prince of Wales, to the Lady Diana Spencer, daughter of the Earl Spencer and the Hon Mrs Shand Kydd".

It was read by Lord Maclean, the Lord Chamberlain, to hundreds of people attending an investiture at the Palace. The Queen smiled broadly as the news was greeted with pro-longed applause.

The Cabinet was informed of the decision yesterday morning. Members of the Royal Family. the Prime Minister, Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, senior ministers, Commonwealth heads of state and heads of government, and the Archbishop of Canterbury have all been told during the past few days. Under the Royal Marriages Act, 1772, consent is required under the Great Seal and the Privy Council will meet formally

The Archbishop of Canter-bury, Dr Robert Runcie, interrupting a debate on marriage at the General Sycod of the Church of England, surrounced the engagement to sustained aplause.



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The Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, also offered congratulations to the couple in

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who said she would convey the congratulations of the Commons at her audience with the Queen last night, said during Commons question time that the engage-

The engagement put an end to the rumours that have sur-rounded the relationship. It will also relieve Lady Diana of what was sometimes considered harassment by photographers and reporters, pressure that soured relations between Fleet Street and the Palace.

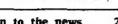
Lord Spencer, Lady Diana's father, said that her "life had been made very difficult" by the constant attentions of the media. "It will be easier now. She will be under some protec-tion, whereas before she had to

ask his permission. "I wonder what he would have said if I had said no", he said.

In an interview with the BBC, the Prince said he was "positively delighted and frankly amazed that Diana is prepared to take me on". Lady Diana said: "I am absolutely delighted; thrilled; blissfully happy."

The Prince proposed to Lady Diana about three weeks ago ar Palace before she left for a visit he wanted to give her time to consider her decision, but she accepted "more or less straight away" and he then gave her a

handsome sapphire and diamond ring. The Prince told the Queen According to Buckingham



ment brought " great pleasure to the Government and MPs.

face the music on ber own. Lady Diana will move out of her flat in Kensington to an address that Buckingham Palace refused to disclose. She will also leave her job as a kindergarten teacher and come under the protection of the Royal Family. Lord Spencer also disclosed how the Prince of Wales had telephoned him last week to ask his permission. "I wonder

Palace, there was no special



The Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer, at Buckleybam Palate resterday.

reason for making announcement yesterday. completely furnished country house at Highgrove. Gloucestershire, and to find a suitable home in London. They have not yet decided where to take their honeyman.

There is a 12-year gap between the couple's ages. The Prince is aged 32 and Lady Diana is aged 19; but they dis-missed that as being of no

diamond ring.

The Prince told the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Sandringham early this month.

"It has been very difficult of age difference. You are as sitting on [the news] for the old as you feel you are. I think past three weeks, but we have. Diana will keep me young, apart managed it", the Prince said. from anything else . . I shall be exhausted."
Lady Diana, asked how she

The couple intend to live at but "with Prince Charles the Prince of Wales's still inme I cannot go wrong".

Prince James, later James H, married Anne Hyde, the eldest daughter of the first Earl of Mr Harold Brooks-Baker.

managing director of Debrett, said Lady Diana will bring back Stuart blood to the Royal

"She descends five times:

felt about the future, said she found the prospect daunting, but "with Prince Charles beside me I cannot go wrong".

She believed she would enjoy the enormous amount of travel the couple wil, be expected to undertake. "You get used to travel", the Prince said.

Lady Diana will be the first english bride for a future King of England since 1659 when Prince James, later James II, married Anne Hyde the ellers with the first encounter they can recall was in 1977 when the Prince of Wales was, in the Spenger home at Althorp, Northampton-shire.

The romance was seen to

blossom when Lady Diana visited Balmoral last summer. "We began to realize then that there was something in it ", the Prince said.

The announcement was greeted with enthusiasm and delight throughout the country from Charles II; four times on and "crowds" gathered "ourside the wrong side of the blanket, the Palace during the day.

## to get £880m more from state

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

The Government is to inject a further £880m into the effeca further issum into the effectively bankrupt British Stand Corporation over the next 15 months, and is to take powers which would facilitate the virtual closure of the entire-business if the latest "survival line" of the control o plan." fails to achieve its ob-

in addition to the provision of the additional cash—£150m for the 'final few weeks of the current financial year ending next month and £750m for next wear—the Government is intro-ducing legislation which will, when coucted, write off 13,509m from the corporation's balance sheet.
Announcing this latest tax

Announcing this latest tax-payer assistance to the BSC. Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, stressed that Mr. Ian MacGregor, chairman of the corporation, considered the plan optimistic (a siew he endorsed), and gave warning that failure to meet its objec-tives would lead to further closures, redundancies, dis-posals and the virtual dismem-

besals and the virtual dismem-bering of the business.

"He (Mr MacGregor) has made it clear to the Govern-ment and to the managers and workforce of the corporation that there will be no future for that there will be no future for any operations that are not competitive. Sir Keith said.

"I must also emphasize that if Mr MacGregar's optimism is not justified, further closures and redundancies may be necessary. The Government will monitor progress closely. Mr MacGregar will give us his assessment in July."

Sir Keith acknowledged that the sums were substantial, but the Government had recognized that the corporation about the chance to ease the burden on the taxpayer by becoming

the taxpayer by becoming profitable. The support was being advanced on condition that BSC behaved responsibly towards the private sector steel-

makers.

Many of the independent companies, faced with equally grave problems, have laid alterations of unfair pricing policies at the door of the subsidized BSC which they claim is undermining their fragile existence.

Yesterday's sustement boosts
the total funds committed by
the Government to BSC to
£1,851 m. If the external
finance limit of £700 m for
1979-80, which the Government
inherited and endorsed after
taking office is included, rotal
funds continuited over three years will amount to £2,551m. This is vastly in excess of Continued on page 3, col 1

#### Earthquakehits Greece

Athens, Feb 24—A. violent earthquake jolted Athens and most parts of Greece topight sending panic stricken people scurrying for safety is city squares and open spaces.

A building in central Athens was said to have collarsed and the electricity supply was cut off in many parts of the city. The main television channel was blacked out. The cities of Patras, Nauplion, Missolonghiand Larisa were also affected by the earthquake.

## British Steel | Mr Reagan to discuss Soviet summit offer with Western leaders

From Patrick Brogan
Washington; Feb 24
President Reagan said today
that he would discuss President
Brezhnev's suggestion of a summit with Mrs Thatcher and
other allied leaders before
reaching a decision. He described the proposal as most
interesting.

interesting.

President Brezhuey suggested the summit in his speech to the Soviet Communist Party Concress in Mostow vesterday. Mr Reagan said I was most interested in his suggestion and in the community that now we

it is something that now we dem Breshnev's call for a sumwill discuss."

These discussions will take place in the Administration, at the State Department and in Cabinet, with the Allies and most particularly with Mrs Thatcher who is coming to Washington tomorrow and will see the President on Thursday. Westminster's with the Prime Minister from Mrs Reagan repeated that he was ready to resume negotiation, and added. I also made if plain as such a negotiation and added. I also made if plain as such a negotiation and added. I also made if plain as such a negotiation and added to the place, there should be other considerations, what has been to Mr David Steel, leader of the linkage."

The considered official view prove East-West relations was

sre useful places to conduct thing in the West.

A summit is therefore un Leading article, nage 17

the two Governments, such as the El Salvador question.

A further difficulty may be the Middle East. A State Department spokesman said vestorday that the main issue in that region was not the Palestinians but the continuing. Pelestinians but the continuity description of the Western position. The highest priority should be to arrest that deteriorating nosition visa-ris the Soviet Union.

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The considered official view on the proposal renisins that it is being studied. The President, and Mr Alexander Hais, Secretary of State, believe that summits are most useful for exchanges of views or for sumbolic gestures like signing agreements already reached. They do not think that summits serious neartifications to have an arms more proposals.

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## Nearly 10% of labour force out of work

By Melvyn Westlake-Unemployment continues to rise remorselessly with a re-corded increase of 78,500 in

the underlying level of adult jobless between mid-January and mid-February.

This brings the seasonally adjusted unemployment total to 231 million, 9.6 per cent of the labour times.

labour force.

The crude total including school leavers and before allowing for seasonal factors, rose by 44,000 to a total of 2.46 million (10.2 per cent of the labour force).

the labour force).

The underlying total has now risen for 17 consecurive months, with more rises one million additional people registered as unemployed during that time. Yesterday's Ligures - drew a

chorus of criticism from unions and Labour opposition leaders. Mr Eric Varley, shadow enployment secretary accused the "guilty men" of the govern-ment of being the architects of policies which had led to the latest unemployment figures. He said the 246 million unemployed were the scapegoars for the fallure of Mrs. That-

cher's economic policies. The ruins. The Prime Minister's authority has been fatally undermined." But the "guilty men." all still had jobs, Mr-Variey added.

There are however tentative Mr Len Murray, the THE SIGNS that the rate of increase

general secretary described the jobless figures as appar-ling by any standards. The whole of the North Sea oil

were being used to fusince the nnemployed. This is the connomics of the madbouse," he said. Mr Bruce Millan, shadow Sconish, secretary, said the figures for school leavers represented a tragedy of gigantic proportions, and Mr Ken Gill. staffs side of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, called the jobless figures a "staggering waste of the

country's resources":
- The Confederation of British Industry added that the figures showed the need for the Goveroment in reduce industry's costs in east months Budget. The underlying increase of 78-500 was smaller than for other recent months, which bave seen rises of more than 100,000. Even se, this latest rice is still high by postwar stand-acds. Moreover, the increase in registered unemployment does not provide a full picture of the contraction in the labour mar-ket, because some of the jobless do not register and

ereiore- pot recorded figures. Experience suggests that one unemployed person in three does not register. This means that the true rise in registered and noteristered jobless over the last year and a half could be L5 million.

might be slackening. Apart from increase this month is less than Continued on page 21, col 7

## Water union backs action

Leaders of the water and sewage industry's second largest union approved industrial action if their employers do not improve their 10 per cent pay offer. The water authority in the north-nest area affected by the water workers' first unofficial strike told the public there was no cause for immediate alarm, while in Middlesex five managers at Britain's largest pumplog station and treatment plant are preparing to take over the work of 300 men Page 3

Whitehall disruption move Plans to allow for industrial action in the highest echelons of government departments are being Civil Servants, and rule change proposals will be put to its annual meeting in May. The use of the disruption weapon is regarded as "a last

Hope for Iran Britons

Three British missionaries are expected to fly home from Iran today, free for the first time in six months; but their immediate return is thrown into doubt by last-minute equivocation by the Iranian Revolutionary Prosecutor-General. The missionaries are expected to board a flight to Istanbul, Frankfurt and Paris at 9am GMT Page 6 Polish pledge to Russia

Mr Stanislaw Kania, the Polish Communist Party leader, assured the Soviet Communist Party congress in Moscow that the Polish Communists had the strength and determination to resolve the country's current crisis

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## Hiroshima holocaust

recalled by Pope Speaking at an open-air Mass in Tokyo, the Pope said that the name Hiroshima should become an international symbol for peace. Recalling the holocaust of the first atomic bomb, the Pontiff said that the words of Christ. " Peace be with you", must become a challenge and "re-echo all the borrors of the final warning". Earlier, the Pope met Emperor Hirohito Page 2

#### 67-nation wildlife talks

Sixty-seven countries and more than 100 wildsixty-seven countries and more than 100 wildlife organizations are represented in Delbi at
the third conference of signatories to the 1973
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora. The
conference will discuss proposals to extend
laws or strict controls on animal and plant
hunting or collecting Page 6

#### Shares fraud alleged

A fraud was concocted when the price of shares of the apparently booming London and Counties Securities began to fall, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told. It was alleged that the fraud, using 55m belonging to a subsidiary, was thought up after a schema to "rig" share prices failed Page 3

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## Wide praise for King Juan Carlos after rebel troops surrender

Tejero Molina.

Colonel Tejero Molina was the leader of an assault on Parliament — by about 200 armed civil guards — which had started 18 hours before.

Togich Lioutegant Caperal Tonight Lieutenant-General Jaime Milans del Bosch, who is considered to be the main figure behind yesterday's failed.

figure behind yesterday's failed putsch. was summoned to Madrid and is thought to have been dismissed from his command, which is based on the Valencia military region.

The 65-year-old general, whose military career began on Franco's side in the Spanish Civil War, was repeatedly telephoned during the robellion by Colonel Tejero Molina. Their telephone conversations are believed to have been taped.

Earlier nearly 350 MPs, almost the entire membership of the Lower House, emerged to freedom. Long live democracy Senor Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, the haggard and unsbaven Minister of Justice, shouted as he made his way on foot — shaking outstretched hands—to the Palace Hotel, facing the Cortes (Parliament). facing the Cortes (Parliament).
It was at this hotel that senior officers and General Alfaro Armada, the Deputy Chief of the Army General

Staff, had negotiated for the surrender of the rebel civil guards long after the attempted coup had clearly failed. Before the MPs emerged en-masse, civil guards had been seen jumping out of a window at the Cortes—some of them still carrying their arms and being hustled away to waiting

Calvo Sotelo as the country's new Prime Minister. After the impact of yesterday's attempted coun, the Catalan Regional Party has said it would now vote "yes" to Senor Calvo Sorelo's nomination—instead of abstaining as it had planned to. This will effectively give the candidate an absolute majority. The first thing that the freed Cabinet members did was to assemble in the Ministry of the Interior offices, where their deputies had through the night instituted an emergenty governinstituted an emergenty govern-ment to uphold civilian author-

As the MPs staged in promptu press conferences near the Corres, it became clear that Señor Manuel Fraga, the for-mer Interior Minister, bad-played an important part in demoralizing the rebel troops.

Shouting: "I want to get out of here, this is an attack on democracy", the former Spanish Ambassador to Britain, had refused to obey Colonel Tejero Molina's demand to sit down and shut no. and shut up.

other MPs had shouled democracy democracy, and had held up copies of the constitution. Senor Fraga was eventually roughly led away. MPs. from several parties were outspoken in their praise of the crucial role that the King played last night. They under-litted how he had intendiately summoned the Joint Chiefs of Staff into session on hearing that an Hiegal state of emerg-ency had been declared. The King had also called upon denuties for the coralled

police coaches. ministers in the Cortes to set.

Before the MPs filed out of up an emergency government the chamber, Schor Landeling machinery. ministers in the Cottes to set. Lavilla, the Speaker, who had As one Socialist MP told The been directly threatened by Times: "For many generations Colonei Tejero Molina yester we have not identified Spain's day punctiliously reestablished monarchy with the fate of As one Socialist MP told The Times: "For many generations we have not identified Spain's

From Richard Wigg

Madrid, Feb 24

What King Juan Carles called in the critical hours early today amounting a plenary session, liberty in danger as we all would be held "as usual" thought it was deeply last night tomorrow afternoon.

Among the business interfor a way to save it, that's a rupted yesterday was the very positive fact for Spain's election of. Senor Leopoldo democracy all round "Calvo Sotelo as the country's Many other MPs application."

Many other MPs emphasized how they suspected when the civil guards suddenly entered the chamber that it was a full-

the chamber that it was a fullscale military coup. Their kidnappers kept them isolated
from outside communications
and only read them the communique amouncing the takeover of civilian authority.
Later a transistor was
smuggled in and MPs were also
able to catch glimpses of the
special editions published by
Madrid's two leading newspapers. Their headines revealed that not all was going
well for the rebel leaders.
Copies of the extreme right

Copies of the extreme right Bl Alcazar newspaper were seized by the police early today, apparently because the newspaper was suspected of publishing statements sympathetic to the rebel cause

the rebel cause.

King Juan Carlos, who has summoned a meeting of the Spanish Defence Council, had earlier today sent messages to all his regional commanders, expressing his satisfaction over the troops had behaved.

Many bours of negotiation Many hours of negotiation were required before the rebel right wing colonel agreed to surrender his arms. He insisted

on doing so with a flourish.

He demanded that he should be allowed to surrender at the Pardo, the disused palace from which Franco had ruled Spain for almost 40 years. In fact the colonel was taken to the Madrid civit guard beadquarters and detained along with the men he had commanded.

Ringlender's quote : Colonel Tejero Molina told MPs as they, were released: Go. Don't worry. The only thing happening here is that I'm going to land 30 or 40 years in jail."

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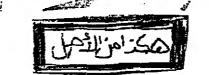
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## General Synod offers its congratulations on royal engagement

Religious Affairs .Correspondent

The General Synod of the Church of England was in the to the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr The Archbishop said he ea-Robert Runcie, interrupted the joyed conducting marriages and proceedings yesterday within a regretted that his work gave few minutes of the official him, few opportunities to announcement to break the officiate.

Members applauded loudly synod will want to express its happiness to his Royal High-ness the Prince of Wales and to Lady Diana Spencer. We are greatly encouraged here by the respect with which the marriage bond is held, and by the witness to it in the life of the Royal Family."

His statement came in the course of a debate on the church's policy towards divorce. At an impromptu press con-ference later the Archbishop added his blessings, saying: "I am delighted with the news and

fillip for people to share in this

Dr Runcie said he was looking forward to an opportunity Church of England was in the of talking to the couple and happy position of being the "finding out what their ideas first to offer its congratulations about it are". He did not know where or when the marriage

would take place.

Archbishops of Canterbury performed such ceremonies when he said: "I am sure the rarely, either on very formal synod will want to express its occasions or very privately. Last week, for instance, he had baptized the child of his wife's hairdresser in the chapel at Lambeth Palace. The last marriage ceremony

The last marriage ceremony he had performed, as Bishop of St Albans, had been for a woman who had been a bridesmaid at his own marriage. He believed in couples coming

to discuss marriage with the priest who was to perform the ceremony, and said: "My chief aim in preparing people for marriage is to establish such a relationship that they feel free to raise questions themselves: I am honoured to have been invited to take the wedding.

"I am sure that with the present stage of winter and life priest is bound to do so."

## Abbey ceremony in the family tradition

The marriage of the Prince of Wales to Lady Diana Spencer is expected to take place in Westminster Abbey towards the end of July, and if previous royal marriages are anything to go buy it will be a grand

. Both sets of parents were married in Westminster Abbey, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947 and Lady Diana's parents, who are now divorced, in 1954.

- The Queen's marriage was a splendid event despite being soon after the Second World War. Rationing was still in force and Americans sent food parcels as a wedding gift to be distributed to widows. That ceremony was attended by foreign kings, queens, princes and leaders of the nation and em-

It was reported by The Times that it was a ceremony of splendour, dignity and colour. People camped out on the pavements the night before to ensure good views of the processions, Buckingham Palace was floodlit and the Royal Family made frequent appearances on the balcony to wave at cheering

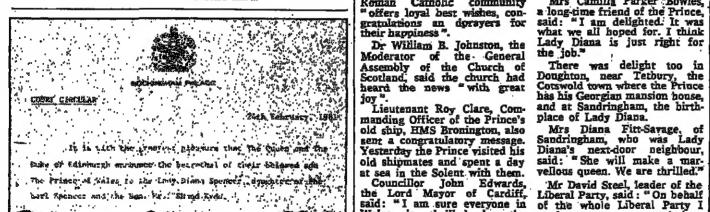
Princess Elizabeth, as she was then, chose Psalm 23, "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want" and "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" for the service. The Lord Chamberlain, Lord Maclesy, will be in charge. Lord Maclean, will be in charge of arrangements for this year's

wedding. John Masefield, the Poet Laureate, wrote a poem for the Princess's marriage in 1947 and presents flowed in from all over the world.

For the first time since September, 1939, the Household Cavalry wore full ceremonial dress and there was a sovereign's escort of seven officers and 119 other ranks. The estimated cost to the public was £4,500 and all other expenses were met from the Civil List.

The royal couple spent their honeymoon at Broadlands, near Romsey, the home of Lord and Lady Mountbatten of Burma, and at Birkhall, near Balmoral. There were eight bridesmaids and two pages in attendance. At her marriage Lady Diana's

mother, then the Hon Frances Roche, wore a gown of camellis-coloured faille embroidered with hand-cut diamonds, with hand-cut diamonds, sequins and Thinestones and a rulle veil held in place by a



Cut-out from yesterday's Court Circular.

## Lord Spencer tells how the Prince of Wales asked for his permission by telephone

## The proud father joins the crowds outside the palace

Lady Diana Spencer's ebul-lient father stood among crowds outside Buckingham Palace yesterday and spoke of a telephone call from the Prince of Wales asking for permission to marry his daughter.

Even then, the Prince's well mown sense of humour was evident. Lord Spencer said: "The Prince said: Can I marry your daughter? I have asked her and, very surprisingly, she said yes.' I told him Well done and said I was delighted for the two of them."

Lord Spencer, wearing a red carnation in the buttonhole of his navy blue suit, was bursting with pride as he sang the praises of his daughter, while inside, she and the Prince posed for photographers. The Prince and Lady Diana had been at Highgrove, the Prince's home in Gloucestershire, when they made the telephone call to him last week.

"She loves he all right." There is no doubt about it. She

is a giver, not a taker, and that Later he was joined by his wife, the sort to get depressed. "She is very rare these days. I think Charles is very lucky to have her", Lord Spencer said.

He had come to Buckingham Palace to see the excitement and crowds. The previous night be and his wife, Raine, the daughter of Miss Barbara Carrland, the novelist, had gone to the palace and spent an hour and a half with the Prince and Lady Diana. They were shown the sapphire and diamond en-

"Ir is a lovely ring, a heautiful sapphire. When I saw Diana last night she was looking radiant and very happy.

gagement ring.

"I have come to the palace to get my own back by photo-graphing all the photographers. I have photographed every event in her life and now I am photographing this one." As crowds congratulated him,

he photographed the cameramen taking pictures of him. He talked proudly of how his daughter had handled herself durin gihe last few months.

and with her son, Henry, aged 12, they posed for photographs. Lady Spencer, Lady Diana's stepmother, said: "We are very

happy and enormously proud of Diana because she has taken on enormous responsibilities". During the last three months they had many conversations with her about the onerous tasks of the future. "She was sweet enough to confide in us, but of course we will nor break her confidence. She has been to us a lot since Christmas as we tried to provide a refuge from all the personal problems. She

had to thin kover a very momentous decision." She had guessed that Lady Diana was in love with the Prince earlier this year. But she and her husband had found it difficult to keep it secret, and had been allowed to tell god-parents, relations and close family friends only on Monday

step-daughter was " sweet person ", even-tempered and not all all highly strung or right thing, not to say too much or do the wrong thing."

Lord Spencer said that in the past six months Lady Diana had grown up a lot, particularly because of the pressure of press and television interest. handled herself very well and the press liked her.

"Up to now she has been

under tremendous pressure. But she will have a little protection from now on. It is a relief now and I am thankful for Diana. She was unprotected but she has proved herself, hasn't she? She has come through it with flying colours."

She had often had difficulty when she went to work, and a lot of people, including himwould have found that kind of pressure intolerable at the age of 19. But he said the Queen had admired the way his daughter had handled herself.

The press had a job to be very thorough, but through their persistence had "rather

made Diana's life difficult", but he now thought she was over the worst. She is obviously a very remarkable girl and I am very proud to be her father. She never breaks down, because Diana does not break

down at all. It never got her down at all. She had great courage and resilience." Lord Spencer said as he got into his bronze Rolls-Royce that the marriage would be in July. although a place had not yet been fixed. "We are looking

forward to the day. We hope it is fine weather, although, knowing us, it will rain." Asked what Lady Diana's plans were in the immediate future, he said she "will spend

Charles, and Diana wants, to give of herself, and I am sure she will. She is a wonderful

#### a lot of time, if she can, with Prince Charles, as that is what she wants to do. She wants to be beside him and with him "She will do the job ahead very wall. She loves Prince

## Younger fashion house to make wedding dress

Fashion Editor

A British-designed wedding dress from one of the younger fashion houses will be Lady Diana Spencer's choice for her

Lady Diana, who favours a casual, sporty style of dress, will need a completely different will need a completely different wardrobe to cope with her-new role in public life. She has previously selected outfits from the Knightsbridge house of Bel-ville Sassoon, although Lady Spencer, her stepmother, dresses almost exclusively from

dresses almost exclusively from
the traditional royal houses of
Hardy Amies and Norman
Harmell.
The ivory satin dress, with
its lavishly embroidered flowers
in crystal and seed pearls,
made by the late Sir Norman
Harmell for Princess Elizabeth
was always considered a most
fitting bridal gown for the
Oueen.

Queen.
This season's wedding dress at Hartnell, designed by Anette Harvey, is in moiré taffeta and

spotted organeza is offered by Ken Fleetwood, Hardy Amies's designer. His scalloped skirt is embroidered with flowers. David Sassoon also chose embroidered organiza for his off-the-shoulder dress with lary neckline, full frilled sleeves and wide sarin

much favoured by Princess Micchael and the Duchess of Kent, last week showed their crinoline of paper taffeta with a low ruffled neckline and narrow waist. Gina Fratini, whose romantic-

ally preny dresse swere short-listed by Princess Anne before she selected a dress by Maureen Baker, is another possible candidate for the royal wedding dress, as are Ian Thomas, the Queen's personal favourite, and the designer, Julia Fortescue. Ofter of lace: Lacemakers in Nottingham are writing to Buckingham Palace to ask if Lady Diana Spencer will accept a gift of lace for her wedding dress (our Nortingham Correspendent writes).
Mr Ronald Walton, director of the British Lace Federation.

based in Nottingham, said yes-terday that it was a tradition that part of the dress for a royal wedding was made from local lace.

silk georgette.

A full-skirted gown of white.

sash.

The sweeping crinoline skirt has been in fashion for royalty since Queen Victorial walked down the aisle of the Chapel Royal at St James's in a hoop skirt of ivory satin trimmed with Honiton lace (in order to encourage the waning Devon lace industry).

Norman Hartnell designed Princess Margarer's organdie dress, cut in 14 sections and

dress, cut in 14 sections and worn over underskirts of tulle. David



## Flatmates kept the secret

#### Watching crowd in celebratory mood

By a Staff Reporter Outside Buckingham Palace yesterday, where the British have so often shown their spontaneous affection for the Royal Family, crowds quickly gathered in celebratory mood to try to catch a glimpse of the

Diana Spencer In spite of freezing weather, 3,000 people, among them many tourists, were watching the changing of the guard when official confirmation that the engagement had been nounced swept through

Shortly afterwards, as cold faces pressed up against the railings of the palace, a band of the Coldstream Guard struck up "Congratulations".

Among the tourists, many were unaware that the royal romance had now been officially sealed and they were bewil-dered by the journalists and cameramen who stood huddled in groups by one of the entrances to the palace fore-

Court.
On the Victoria Monument, affectionately known to journaaffectionately known to journalists who have covered many foyal events as "the wedding cake", a battery of telephoto lenses were trained on the balcony of the palace in the hope that the newly engaged couple would make an appearance to acknowledge the cheers of the crowd.

The crowd was swelled by many schoolchildren on half-term holiday and the warm reaction from many people was that yesterday's aunouncement had come at the right time. It clearly reflected the popular view that the Prince of Wales had waited quite long enough before settling down.

Mrs Susan Clayton, from Baildon Bfradford, said she had been a little surprised, as Lady Diana was very young. However, there was general conviction that despite her relative youth Lady Diana is the right choice for the Prince.

A delighted Miss E. Donnelly, a secretary from Clapham, who had travelled from her home to join the crowd after hearing the news, said: "It is about 12 to 1 time. After all, the prince is 32.

time. After all, the prince is 32.
But Pm very pleased about it."
Miss Donnelly, like many
others, mentioned that she
thought Lady Diana had had a
background like Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and
that that would be good for
the Royal Family. "I think it is
a good idea to have some new
blood into a family once in a
while", she said.
Inside the palace people
attending an investiture had
cause for a double celebration

cause for a double celebration as they according to one of them, "had the privilege of them, "had the privilege or seeing the Queen so soon after the appouncement "

the announcement

Councillor John Bradley, of
Halifax, said the Lord Chamber-lain made the official announcement to the recipients of honours in an antercom.

Mr Ronald Greenwood, the England football team manager. said as he left the palace: "It involved in. It made it a double

celebration to be here on this particular day."

Among the crowds there was almost unanimous approval of Lady Diana. For her father, Lord Spencer, who stood unrecognized listening and watching, it was perhaps a time for private reflection that she is

a private dinner party at Clarence House for the Prince of Wales and his fiance

## Timing 'a deliberate distraction'

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Whie Mrs Margaret Thatcher and most MPs in all parties joined in sending congratula-tions and good wishes to the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer on their engagement, some Labour MPs suspected that the timing of the announce-ment was the result of connivance between Buckingham Palace and the Government to distaract attention from the latest increase in the unemployfigures, which put the number out of work at 2,436,294.

That was not the official party view. Indeed, Lord Peart, leader of the opposition peers, referred in the House of Lords to "this happy news" and proferred the warmest congratula-tions of his colleagues,

In the Commons there was not the same opportunity for formal congratulations, but there were loud cheers from all quarters of the House when during question time, the Prime Minister said that, at the audi-ence of the Queen which she hoped to have later, she would express "the great pleasure which the news of the Prince of Wales's engagement has brought to the Government and to the House as a whole ".

In the Lords Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said: "The House will wish to have an opportunity in due course to convey a more formal message to her Majesty the Queen. In the meantime peers would wish to join with me in conveying our heartfelt congratulations and very good wishes to his Royal Highness Prince Charles and the Lady Diana.\*

Liberal peers, said they wanted to be associated in full with the congratulations and good

wishes.

Lady Hylton-Foster, for the sion of 560,000 a year in the lindependent peers, said: "This a widow.

"Now the prospect is a little than 560,000, which bench peers would also like to bit nearer, that £60,000, which associate with the good wishes we decided upon in the early and congratulations from this of this engagement

Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife, Central, and a persistent critic of the "extravagance" of the Royal Family, said: "I think there has been connivance, through Conservative Party agencies, between the palace and 10 Downing Street in deliberately distracting attention from the distracting attention from the latest unemployment figures, almost the worst for this

entury.

"During the next few months we shall have further distractions from the results of the Government's disastrous policies as the celebrations get under way. There will be no question of cash limits, a 6 per cent restriction, or worry about the impact on the public sector borrowing requirement. "The sky will be the limit. And the British people, deferential as always, will

wallow in it.
"The winter of discontent is now being replaced by the winter of phony romance, with the active connivance of the

Mr Hamilton said that nobody should be surprised that the palace statement coincided with the declaration of the unemployment figures and the announcement about the rundown of the steel industry. works and how we expect it to work", he said. Referring to Prince Charles's future income, he said: " As an individual, he should live on

his own sweat". Mr Hamilton recalled that a House of Commons committee set up to examine the Civil List had recommended that provision be made for the possibility of Prince Charles's marriage and that there should be a pen-

1970s, must be revised upwards. House on the happy operasion I should think the amount would be £150,000 at least for From the bishops' beach the the prospective widow now", Bishop of Salisbury said; "We Mr Hamilton said,

shall continue to pray that God's guidance and his riches will attend Prince Charles and Lady Diana to the end of their day of the Budget and would cause another distraction.

drinkers, the cigarette smokers and others will be asked to cut down their consumption, but there will be no similar tightening of the belts for the Royal Family.

And I expect there will be

housing provision for the royal couple within the public housing sector."

Mrs Thatcher told
Cabinet yesterday about

royal engagements. Under the Royal Marriages Act, 1772, the Prince's marriage has to have the consent of the Queen. That is contained in a formaldocu-ment, embossed with the Great Seal, which is "declared" at a special meeting of the Privy

Before the announcement could be made the Queen informed Mrs Thatcher. That was done at the end of last week. The Prime Minister then informed a number of senior colleagues, who in-cluded Lord Hailsham, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Soames, Lord President of the Foreign Council, and Mr Francis Pym, Chancellor of the Duchy of

Lancaster. After that Mrs Thatcher advised the Queen that she could see no reason why consent should not be given to the proposed marriage. The Privy Council ceremony need not take

place for several weeks.
It was the responsibility of the palace officials to notify the Archibishop of Canterbury, the Commonwealth heads of government, the Leader of the Opposition, and others whom the Queen felt should be not-

Among MPs it is widely ex-pected that the marriage will take place on July 23 and that the day would be declared a public holiday. But the official

word from Whitehall and the

palace was that the date, place

and time ha dnot been fixed.

Wales is thrilled by the announcemen and all of us are send warmest congratulations and good wishes to Prince Charles and Lady Diana eagerly looking forward to the I played Cupid for my sister,

Lord Spencer, Lady Diana's father, and his second wife talking to the press

very special occasion of the

novelist, whose daughter is Lady Diana's stepmother, said: "I am so delighted that the

Prince should have someone so

charming and suitable to share his very exacting life. Like millions of people the world over J wish them great happi-ness together.

Mrs Camilla Parker Bowles,

a long-time friend of the Prince, said: "I am delighted It was

Lady Diana is just right for the job."

Doughton, near Tetbury, the Cotswold town where the Prince

has his Georgian mansion house,

and at Sandringham, the birth-place of Lady Diana.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, said: "On behalf of the whole Liberal Party I

There was delight too in

Barbara Cartland,

World welcomes the

announcement

Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, an-

Australian Prime Minister, announced the engagement of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana

Spencer in Parliament in Can-berra only minutes after it was released by Buckingham Palace. He welcomed the news and

said kiter that he expected to attend the wedding.
Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Wesuninster, said in a tele-gram to the palace that the Roman Catholic community "offers loyal best wishes, con-

gratulations an dorayers for their happiness.".

Dr William B. Johnston, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said the church had

Councillor John Edwards, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff,

said: "I am sure everyone in

later that he expected to

Lady Sarah says Lady Sarah McCorquodale, Lady Diana's elder sister, said yesterday: "I introduced them. I am Cupid. It is wonderful news and I am delighted."

She introduced Lady Diana to the Prince at a weekend shoot on the family estate at Althorp, Northampton, in 1977. "The only difficult bit has been keeping quiet in the last 10 days", Lady Sarah added.

She was linked romantically with Prince Charles herself before her marriage two years ago.

I saw Diana in her London
when I saw flat and I guessed when I saw her face, She was totally rad-iant, bouncing, bubbling, and I said "You're engaged" and she said "Yes".

"She just told me that they are getting married in the summer. They are both over the moon. He met Miss Right and she met Mr Right, They just clicked."

Lady Sarah, aged 25, who is married to Mr Neil McCorquodale, a farmer in Lincolnshire, said she felt the Prince and her sister would be "totally compatible" in marriage. "They have the same sense of humour, she is very giggly and he is giggly. She loves

ballet and oper aand sport in all forms. I think the romance

started after she was invited to

Balmoral last autumn, but at that time I thought Diana was just another girl friend. " It struck me that they were in love just before Christmas. There was an extra sparkle in her eye, and I thought a wed-ding could be on the cards."

Correction

In an agency report on February 18 about a wage award by an 18 about a wage award by an ACAS arbitration board to white-collar electrical workers it was said that a national officer of a trade union had complained that the chairman, Sir John Wood, had taken account of submissions by John had no private conversation involving the employers.

#### Gift makers ready to cash in By David Hewson

**Business News Staff** While the news of the royal

engagement may have come as something of a relief to most of the country, to the Midlands t is likely to prove a godsend Pottery and silverware; com-panies, whose sales have been falling in recent months, expect the wedding to provide a respite for the recession.

Almost every company in the retail gift marker, from pottery giams such as Wedgwood to small-scale engravers, has been memorative market during the past few months, although often those who might be involved. Wedgwood has ben working

on designe for its range of com-memorative items costing between £2 and £2,000 but it had been defending a decision until an official announcement The Coventry textiles firm of J & J Cash, however, has almost completed the design for its commemorative bookmark costing £2.75, complete, that is, apart from the face of the

woman alongside the Prince of Wales.
Mr Gordon Wright, Wedgwood's publicity director, said:
"I think every manufacturer,
including Wedgwood, has had
something planned ever since
the first rumour carrier out the the first rumour came out that he was going to get married. Lady Diana appears to be the

first serious one.

H. Quibell & Sons, the Birmingham silversmiths, will be making silver-plated commemo-rative plates retailing at about £50 and featuring portraits of the couple. But Mr Neville Harry, the company's proprie-tor, has had some difficulties in producing a portrait of Lady

Diana.
"The picture of Prince
Charles is easy but it is very difficult to get a likeness of Lady Diana". Mr Harry, whose most recent task was producing two gold-plated sinks for a Jersey businessman, said.

#### Prince ends 300-year tradition

since the heir to the throne has married an English women The Queen Mother was Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Scottish Earl of Strathmore, when she married the future George VI in 1923; for centuries before that the heir

It is more than 300 years

centuries before that the heir had taken a foreign bride.
George V married Princess Mary, daughter of the German Duke of Teck, and his predecessor, Edward VII, married a Danish girl, Queen Alexandra. Queen Victoria married a German Prince Albert and all her man, Prince Albert, and all her Hanoverian aucestors back to George I in 1714 married German princesses. Before him, Queen Anne

married the son of the King of Denmark and her predecessor. Queen Mary II, married William of Orange, who was only a quarter English. The last English bride was in 1659, when William's predecessor, then Prince James and later Kink James II,

Clarendon. English brides before her had included four of the wives of Henry VIII, more than a cen-

married Lady Anne Hyde, elder

daughter of the First Earl of

#### engagement ring, extravagant evenings gowns are Surround.

The two girls who share a flat with Lady Diana are delighted at the news of the engagement.

Miss Carolyn Pride, aged 19, and Miss Virginia Pinman, aged 21, heard the news early this month when Lady Diana returned to the flat in Colbourne Court, Old Brompton Road, London.

Miss Pride, who went to "We never dreamed of telling anyone. We were determined to the early it anyone. We were determined to the early its otherwise it as creat. "We were all so thrilled that we a celebratory breakfast the next day."

Miss Pitman said Lady Diana fust; sat on the bed next to her and said she was going to marry the Prince.

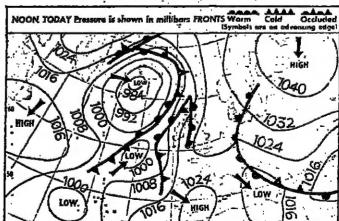
She had a big smile on her face. And then we all began to

London.

Miss Pride, who went to face. And then we all began to school with Lady Diana, said: cry with happiness.

# now public property. By last night the crowd outside Buckingham Palace had dwindled to small groups. As they waited Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was holding

## Weather forecast and recordings



Today Moon sets: Moon rises Last quarter: February 27.

Lighting up: 6.4 pm to 6.23 am.

High water: London Bridge, 5.29

am, 6.5m; 5.53 pm, 6.5m. Avonmouth. 10.38 am. 11.5m; 10.52

pm, 11.0m. Dover, 2.33 am, 6.1m;
2.51 pm, 5.7m. Hull, 9.59 am,
6.6m; 10.13 pm, 6.6m. Liverpool,
2.45 am, 8.1m; 2.56 pm, 8.0m.

1ft=0.3048m lm=3.2808ft

cross N areas, Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE England, East
Anglia: Variable cloud, occasional
light snow showers, perhaps
patchy fog early; wind mostly
NE, light; maximum temp 2° or
3°C (36° to 37°F); frost early
and late

A ridge of high pressure will persist in S; a frontal trough will

and late.

Central S, central N, E, NE
England, Midlands: Mostly dry,
mist and freezing fog patches
slowly thinning to give some hazy

with overnight frost; less cold in
W, with some rain and snow on
hills.
Sea passages: S North Sea,
Straits of Dover, English Channel

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WEATGER REPORTS YESTERDAY ME
f, fair; S, sun; SG, SHOW; th, thunder.
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unshine: wind variable, later SE. Late.

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales: Mostly dry, variable cloud, perhaps patring freezing fog early; wind SE, light.

freezing fog early; wind SE, light, increasing to moderate; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F); frost carly and late.

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundec, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mostly dry, perhaps a little sleet or snow at times, chiefly on hills, rather cloudy; wind S, fresh to strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

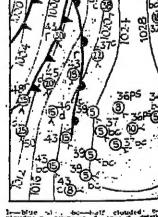
Central Highlands: Outbreaks of snow turning to roin, moderate accumulations with drifting; wind S, strong, perhaps' gale; max temp 5°C (41°F).

N Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rain or drizzle at times; wind S,

rain or drizzle at times; wind S, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry and rather cold with overnight frost; less cold in W, with some rain and snow on

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;



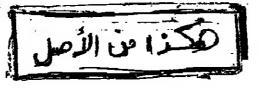


(E): Wind E, veering SE, light or moderate; sen slight

St George's Channel, Irish Scaling Wind S, fresh or strong; searough or very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6
pm, 4°C (33°F); min 6 pm to 6
am, 0°C (33°F). Humidity, 6 pm,
76 per cent. Rain, 24 br to 6 pm,
a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm,
1.027.4 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.



# Water union leaders approve industrial action, but hope for last-minute improved offer

Leaders of the second largest union in the water and sewer-age industry cave approval yes-terday for their members to take industrial action if there is no improvement in the em-ployers' "final" offer of a pay rise of 10 per cert.

The decision of the executive

of the National Union of Public gaployees, which has behout 10,000 members in the industry, was amounced shortly before thastily arranged meeting of he employers started to conider whether to increase the iffer to avoid the industrial ction that union leaders elieve is inevitable.

today after the four emands for a strike by most If there is no improved offer, f the workforce of 32,000 in the unions are expected to give

England and Wales. But the a few days notice of strike meeting was brought forward action, which in the first instruction a council official said last dight. Union leaders were standing by for a call from Sir Robert Marshall, chairman of the water Marshall, chairman of the water and Meanwhile unofficial action

by for a call from Sir Robert
Marshall, chairman of the water
cauncil, to indicate that an
improvement could be made to
the offer.
Water council officials have
made clear during the past
three weeks, as it became apparent from voting by water
workers at meetings around the
country that there was a growing demand for industrial
action, that the threat of a
national strike would not lead
to an improved offer.
Last night, however, union.

elieve is inevitable.

The National Water Council officials were cautiously optimenbers of the incustry's negomistic that the council's deciating council were due to sion to bring forward the meeting might mean a softening

Meanwhile, unofficial action continued in several areas, with workers in Lancashire being the fust to strike. Nune has given official backing to a work to-rule and overtime ban imposed in West Wales and Gwent.

West Wales and Gwent.

British Gas, made a slightly improved pay offer last night to its 42,000 manual workers that would take increases to between 9.1 and 10.2 per cent. The offer was rejected by mion leaders, who will consult their members. They will, however, obviously await the outcome of the water negotiations, because the water negotiations, because informal pay links have been forged between the two indus-

## Managers prepare to man pumps

Five senior managers at itain's largest water pumping ation and treatment plant are started to run dry or supplies to a work of 300 men in an fort to maintain supplies to a hasten a dangerous signation. rge part of London if there a strike in the industry. Manual workers at the Hamp-n plant, Middlesex, have deled that if their union leaders Il a strike at a meeting today, sy will walk out. But several irkers yesterday expressed servations about the effects

eir action could have on the Most of the men are mem-Most of the men are memrs of the General and Munial Workers Union, and their
rk, at least in the early
ges of the dispute, would
ve to be done by Mr Ted
lson, the senior resident
inner, his deputy and three
mains. station engineers. ey would have to work 12ir shifts as they try to keep numping and cleansing chinery operating.
Ince the strike has started,

pressure would uced to minimize the risk of rured mains, which would

be left unrepaired. Mr Wilson said vesterday that it could be several weeks before taos several weeks before taps started to run dry or supplies became impure, but a break-down in equipment could

The station, which pumps about 130 million gallons a day, also feeds reservoirs. Should the reservoirs start to. run dry, water tankers, probably driven by troops, would deliver water to residential areas.

With the approach of spring, the weather could affect the purification beds, where weeds will grow unchecked without the manual workers to do main-tenance work. The water auth-orities would also be unable to with emergency calls, hecause the emergency gangs are members of the unions. Both management and

manual workers at Hampton said that maintaining supplies to hospitals and kidney patients would be paramount. But because of the sophisticated nature of the industry and because there has never been a national dispute, no one is sure whether that is possible.

The plight of kidney patients strikes a particular chord with Mr Clifford Baker, a labourer at Hampton, whose wife died of kidney disease. "I think I would probably come out on strike, but it would make me extremely sad. I might consider getting out of the industry altogether because a strike altogether because a strike would affect so many people."

The National Union of Public The National Union of Public Employees has a few members at the plant, and he said that the unions there had never been militant. They had cooperated with the introduction of more advanced machinery, which had meant a reduction in jobs.

The modernization of the The modernization of the

The modernization of the works will soon be taken a step farther when the steampowered pumps are replaced by electric pumps, which will lead to further job curs.

Mr Edward Riggs, a labourer and GMWU shop steward, said the unions had been forced into considering industrial action because the 10 per cent offer was not good enough. His pre-

was not good enough. His present weekly earnings after tax and other deductions were £77

#### Sewage in streets would speed settlement

By Peter Hennessy

The prospect of sewage in the streets is a politician's night-mare, one of the most vivid indications that the Government has lost the capability to govern. With the imminent prospect of Britain's first national water strike, that spectre is haunting the Cabinet and its committee charged with and its committee charged with planning for industrial emerg-encies, the Civil Contingencies Unit (CCU).

The Government's contingency plan for water, revised in the light of experience of local and Greater Manchester and South Yorkshire in 1979, is untested and is the subject of considerable scepticism among the best informed insiders.

One source of relief among veteran contingency planners, however, is that the Government has abandoned the idea, for a national water strike at least, of appealing for civilian volunteers to replace striking workers and work alongside the Armed Forces in the manner of the general strike of 1926, should a state of emergency be declared.

Disruption of supplies would not cause instant and wide-spread health hazards or seeping of sewage through manhole covers because much depends on whether the strikers start by going for industrial supplies alone or attack domestic supplies first, and on other factors like rainfall filling up storage tanks at sewage works more quickly than usual, but the most seasoned planners are convinced that the Government would have to settle the strike in days rather than weeks.

A local, unofficial stoppage is manageable, but a national official dispute is not. That is particularly true if, as is the case is the present negotiations, superwisory staff, members of the National and Local Government of the National According to the National and Local Government of the National and Local Government of the National According to the ment Officers Association, make it clear in advance that they will not guide or assist the naval technicians and person-nel from the Royal Engineers and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers who, Mechanical Engineers who, under the CCU plan, will be



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Pickets of the General and Municipal Workers Union outside the North West Water Authority's works in Foxenton Lane, Oldham, yesterday.

drafted into creatment plants and pumping stations. A few days of widespread dis-location of domestic water supplies and an increasingly dirty, irritable and fearful citizenry putting pressure on Parliament and Government to do something, with an equivalent outpouring of venom towards pickets encircling pumping

stations and treatment plants, would probably concentrate the minds of both sides wonderfully, and assist in achieving a swift resolution of the dispute. The CCU's plan is realistic in its intention to buy extra time for negotiations and to relieve pockets of severe civil distress

by using army treatment units decontaminate supplies and mobile rankers to haul water from clean areas into dirty ones once sewage has back-siphoned or untreated effluent has been drawn from rivers into mains supply intakes downstream of sewage stations that have stop-ped working.

Volunteers from bodies such as the Women's Royal Volun-tary Service could be used un-

der local authority supervision to help the aged, infirm and housebound by carrying water from military bowsers into

The CCU put the finishing touches last month to a set of regulations that would be intro-duced after Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, had for the declaration of a state of emergency under the Emergency Powers Act, 1920 that deployed.

In industrial relations terms the breaking point for the water authorities is the chlorination, or disinfection, of drinking supplies. Within 48 hours of a total stoppage, health bazard could become a real danger in some areas even if troops were

approval is needed by the Gov-erament if the Armed Forces

are to be ordered to comman-

deer water authority equipment.

#### Frost risk to water mains

From John Chartres

Although the first unofficial strike in the water workers' dispute started early yesterday in the Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Rochdale areas, officials of the North West Water Authority assured the public last night that there was no cause for immediate alarm.

The water authority, whose territory stretches from Crewe to Carlisle, said that only about

division had "jumped the gun" by striking from midnight. Their action could affect the public only if water mains burst and the strikers refused to

and the strikers refused to attend to them. If that happened, stand-pipes would have to be erected.

There is a fairly strong risk of water mains freezing in the upland territories of Lancashire at present because of forecasts of continuing temperatures down to -2°C. tures down to -2°C.

#### Strike option move by senior civil servants

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The top civil servants' union is drawing up plans to allow for industrial action in the bighest echelons of government departments.

Rule changes to be put to the annual delegate conference of the Association of First Division Civil Servants in May will permit the union's executive committee to recommend action "if other steps for resolving differences have been exhausted or are inappropriate in the circumstances?

But the use of such action is regarded as "a last resort", and individual members will be free to reject a strike recommendation and follow their consciences and the ethical requirements of their

Under the proposed changes, the union's executive will have to hold a ballot before calling for industrial action that involves the complete withdrawal of labour for more than one day, whether by all or part of the 12,000 membership.

Other safeguards are built into the procedure. The execu-tive will be obliged to consult branch chairmen and secretaries pefore recommending any form of disruption and if a strike of less than a day is involved a ballot will be held "if circumstances permit ".

Political strikes will not be entertained.

Industrial action move : Leaders of 530,000 white-collar civil servants will resolve tomorrow to give notice of official industrial action to the Government ater returns from Whitehall's biggest union showing a majority of more than two to one in favour of a strike campaign (Our Labour Staff writes).

The Council of Civil Service Unions will take the formal step at its meeting of approving the campaign after the rejection on Monday of a 7 per cent pay

offer.

The resolution approved yesterday by the union's major policy committee specifies a one-day stoppage of all nonindustrial civil servants on

## ir Keith fails to lift steel industry loom with 'last chance' warning

ild seem to be on a hiding nothing. If his corporate succeeds and the industry imes profitable, the Prime ister told MPs, the Governit could denationalize it and

add to the general discom-

company.

Emphasizing that this was the industry's last chance, the Sec-retary of State added ominously that although the Government might be having to spend tax-payers' money on this occasion, powers were being sought to relieve the taxpayer of the inescapable obligation to fund the corporation indefinitely.

All of that, of course, went down like a lead balloon with Mr Stanley Orme, Opposition spokesman on industry, and his brothers on the Labour back

Mr Orme buffed and puffed magnificently but it was soon clear that Sir Keith's purpose yesterday was not to raise the morale of those in the steel industry or even to placate the seething hordes on the other side of the House.

transfer of businesses to orivate sector. Of far greater concern to the Government were the seething went on to tell the House on the Tory back benches, already roaring with

miners and the handouts to British Leyland.

. If Sir Keith had come before them with more massive sums for steel without balancing that with a heavy dose of gloom and much talk of denationalization, he could well have been carried headless from the Chamber

Union welcome: Steel union leaders last night welcomed the financial reconstruction of their industry, but insisted that many millions more would be needed from the Government if the Corporation was not pur on an equal footing with European competitors (our Labour Editor 'Mr William Sirs, general sec-

restary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, asked: "Where is this money going?
Again, chiefly for interest payments, redundancy payments and the purchase of pieces of private sector companies."

He applauded the Cabinet's decision to wipe off some of the corporation's long-term debt but argued that the move came rather late. Most European nations had been through that exercise.

Parliamentary report, page 9 Leading article, page 17 State subsidies, page 23

# liamentary Correspondent he was inclined to agree with f Sir Keith Joseph and the that According to the chair-

me Minister went before the man, the corporation was bankuse of Commons yesterday rupt by all normal dommercial
in the aim of boosting the
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triteria, but since it was a statutory body it could not be liquidated like a private sector would not wish to see them genuinely gloomy mood. It han MacGregor, the coration's dynamic new chairbrought from across the intic to save the ailing giant,

it to the private sector.
the plan failed, and the
etary of State for Industry ned to think that was very h on the cards, there would urther closures and redund-

re of everyone in the in-ry. Sir Keith announced a Iron and Steel Bill; pubed yesterday, that would nit "an extensive rundown the corporation, if that proves tesary", and would "ease transfer of businesses to

## urther cash injection for British Steel

tinued from page 1

t Sir Keith ever dreamed ld have been necessary, and remitted at a press conferlast night that even with latest assistance "there can no certainty" that it will seed in achieving BSC's active of reaching a finan-breakeven point in the 1-83 financial year.

he Government has sought llay the fears of the private or steel makers. But it rged last night that Conserve backbenchers will seek ndments to the new Iron Steel Bill which will subtially toughen its provisions. Keith defended his to advance

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subsidies to private sector com-panies: "That is not a route panies: "That is not a route which makes much sense. This-Government wants to reduce subsidies not to increase them ", he said.

But Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the Conservative Industry Committee, said that Tory backbenchers would attempt to introduce amendments to the Bill and also insist on the incorporation of

clear powers to effect the liquidation of BSC if the survival plan failed.

Mr MacGregor will consider placing those businesses which are in competition with the private sector, into separate Companies Act companies. This would encompass steel stock-

holding activities and other downstream operations, and would be additional to attempts being made to establish joint venture operations with private sector steelmakers in areas where they overlap. Once con-cluded they will embrace be-tween 15-25 per cent of BSC's

existing. business. . Closure and redundancy costs in the current year will swallow up an estimated £300m, falling to about £180m next year. The BSC is planning a modest level of investment for next year of about £200m.

But the degree of uncertainty about the future is reflected by its own forecasts . The steel trap, page 16

## Fraud concocted as shares began to fall, court told

ot adequate? senior Treasury official ad-ed last night that the iled financial estimates of fraud of breath-taking so that a false price could be magnitude was concocted when the price of shares of the apparently booming London rnment spending presented Whitehall did not contain the information Parliament and Counties Securities, a City property and finance group, began to fall, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told Michael Bridgeman, er-secretary in charge of the isury's general expenditure

yesterday. Mr David Smout, for the pro-secution, said the fraud, using £5m helonging to a subsidiary, a bank called London and Counties (A and D), was ip, told the Commons Select Procedure under questioning 1 Mr John Garrett, Labour for Norwich, South: "I ld certainly agree that the mates have their shortcomthought up after a scheme to rig share prices and keep them artificially high failed. e told Mr Enoch Powell,

The group was under the chairmanship of Gerald Caplan, cial Ulster Unionist MP for m. South: "it is far from r whether they in fact conwho was not in the dock but was assisted by one of the five defendants, Arthur Pepperell, aged 53, he said.

arlier, he said that shifting Between June, 1972, and financial year to coincide August, 1973, another subsithe calendar year to endiary, London and Counties Parliament to examine mates more effectively ild mean an upheaval. (Foreign), was involved in mopping up available group shares

reated and maintained.

That was "down to the knowledge" of Mr Pepperell and the other defendants, Woolf Perry, aged 58, Brian McMenemy, aged 40, Brian Kendall, aged 47, and Ian Green, aged 43.

Mr Perry, of Highwood Hill, Mill Hill, London; Mr McMenemy, of Highwood Drive, Orpington, Kent; Mr Kendall, of Stag Green Avenue, Harfield, Hertfordshire, and Mr Green, of Baxendale, Whetstone, London, deny conspiring with created and maintained.

London, deny conspiring with Mr Caplan and Mr Pepperell to defraud by creating a false market price in ordinary shares of London and Counties Securi-

Mr Pepperell and Mr Green deny theft and Mr Pepperell alone denies further theft charges, falsifying a document, uttering a forged letter, and dishonestly obtaining the reduction of a debt.

The trial continues today.

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## Union leaders threaten Water rate industrial force to influence ministers

.By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The Government was warned last night that the threat and the use of industrial force on the model of last week's successful miners' strike would inevitably grow unless ministers are having disastrous conse-adopteds policies more accept quencies for the nation's well-

Trade union leaders met Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for more than an hour to press their argu-ments for a £6,200m publicly funded saimulus to the economy in the forthcoming Budget.

Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC economic committee, told the Treasury ministerial team and Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, that they did not appear to grasp the scale and speed with which the economy was being eroded. He insisted that the slump showed no sign

The TUC welcomes the belated scign of flexibility dis-played by the Government last ek over the serious problems of the mining industry", he added. "There is joy in heaven over the sinner that repenteth. But does the repent-ance go far enough and was it induced by the right motives? we cannot hope for change by mutual discussion and a willingness by the Government to listen without the application of industrial force, then the threat and the use of such force will inevitably glow."

means further hardship for our members and for the community. We have to ask ourselves, however, is there any other means of deflecting this Administration from policies which

being?"
Neither Mr Basnett nor Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, would be drawn on which groups of workers might be involved in the threat use of industrial strength, although the water workers, most of whom belong to Mr Basnett's General and Municipal Workers Union, and the civil servants are poised to strike in

pursuit of higher pay.

Mr Murray told miners:

"Recent events I hope reflect
a better understanding by you
and your colleagues of the
crucial role of the nationalized industries. But more is needed than ad boc responses to

government-created crisis.

"These industries must be provided with the resources, and most important with the framework, allow them to invest adequately for the nation's future." Direct aid to private industry was also vital and immediate action was required to bring down interest rates and the sterling exchange

Mr Basnett predicted that the Thatcher Administration would end up spending more than any ably glow."

That was not a choice the dustry, but in an uncoordinated unions welcomed, Mr Basnett and unstructured fashion.

### Tory MP calls for change in Government's policies

By Fred Emery Political Editor

way out of inflation", a senior Tory backbencher said yesterday in urging the Government to adopt a "positive industrial strategy of trying to invest in winders instead of the present

backing of losers".
Mr Peter Tapsell, MP for Horncastle, a frequent and formidable critic of the management of the Government's monetary policies, insisted in a lec-ture at City University, London, that it would be folly to ignore the present danger signals of

The decline in manufacturing investment and the remorseless squeeze on profit margins of almost all businesses " must be arrested quickly if our national situation in 1984 is not indeed

to become Orwellian".

"Mr Tapsell said that "seed cora" capital expenditure had to be maintained, particularly in a slump, while current ex-penditure could be cut. So far the Government's approach had tended to be the other way

roads and railways, on housing, for example—can be very help-ful to the private sectors", he

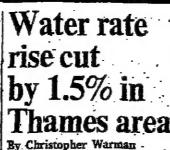
said. Mr Tapsell suggested that priority be given to high technology and high value-added industries and reiterated his call for lower interest and exchange rates, combined with a clearly defined industrial

strategy.

He insisted that the tough questions deserved study, including (and he acknowledged that it was the most extreme historical example) why Hitler was able to expand the German economy in the three years after 1933 without provoking a return to rumons inflation.

Mr Tapsell accepted that it was difficult for the Government to "pick winners" but said that that must be preferable to the present policy. "By having no industrial policy we

get the worst of both worlds."
Noting that tax revenues from North Sea oil might rise to £15,000m by 1984, Mr Tapsell said they ought to be rise could be cut. So far from North Sea off might rise of the Government's approach had to £15,000m by 1984, Mr ger of presiding over the graduded to be the other way Tapsell said they ought to be ual and pragmatic strengtheing used partly to equip the growth of the powers, the privileges, Some forms of expenditure industries to enable them to and the size of the nationalized compete internationally.



Local Government

Correspondent The Thames Water Authority yesterday reduced its increase in charges by 1.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent from April after a government request for extra savings to help consumers, especially industrial and commercial users.

To do so it has cut its £423.5m budget by £14.7m, half the savings coming from a reduction in coniral standing. The authority

capital spending. The authority hopes the savings can be made without any reduction in services, but some projects will

have to be postponed.

In common with the other water authorities, Thames was asked to make savings after the Government expressed concern at the proposed increases in charges, ranging from 14 to 28

accountants went to each authority to establish where authority to establish where savings could be made, but reported back to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, that there was little margin for cost cutting. As a result the authorities have made small spending cuts, and the borrowing limits have been adjusted among the

and the borrowing limits have been adjusted among the authorities within the same total of £454m to reduce the burden on charges for some of the worst affected authorities. The Thames Water Authority has had its external financing limit cut by nearly £10m, and the North West Water Authority, for example, received an additional £21m, enabling it to reduce its increase in charges from 26 to 16.5 per cent. from 26 to 16.5 per cent. In the Commons yesterday, Mrs Margaret Thatcher diplomatically congratulated the water authorities

### Government's strategy

has collapsed?

By Our Political Staff
Criticism of the Government's economic policies was voiced last night by Mr George Gardiner, Conservative MP for Reigate. He said in Brent, north London, that many would ask, after the backdown over pit closures, whether the Gov-erument knew where it was

going. Mr Walter Goldsmith, direc-tor general of th elustitute of Directors, told a private meeting of the Conservative back-bench finance committee that the coherence and force of the Government's economic stra-

tegy had collapsed
His members firms were
being "threatened with imminent liquidation by the piratical,
unfair competition of nationalized industries subsidized by private sector's taxes.
The Government "is in dan-

industries and the trade union



Mr Philip Young feeding treated straw to his herd of Poll Herefords at Ringstead, near Hunstanton, Norfolk. The straw is processed by a Danish method in what is thought to be the first feed conversion plant of its kind on a British farm.

## Mental health legal aid proposal

Legal Correspondent

Legal aid should be made available to allow patients appearing before mental health review tribunals to be repre-sented, the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on legal aid says in its annual report pub-lished yesterday.

Such legal aid is urgently needed, the committee says. Lay-

representation is not an ade-

"The decisions of these tri-bunals will often depend, to a large extent, on the medical reports on the patients, which would be made available to a solicitor but might not always be made available either to the applicant himself or to his lay representative.
The work involved

representing applicants is if it seemed conflict of it citors are more likely to have relevant knowledge and expertise than are most lay people."

The committee accepts the divorce cases.

medical schools, will almost certainly not be adopted after the publication yesterday of a report from a London Univer-

sity working party on the cost of medical education.

Figures in the report suggest that closing down a medical school would not produce

large-scale savings in the rising cost of medical education

Far greater savings can be

By Nicholas Timmins

Recommendations

arguments put to it by MIND, the mental health charity, that no other tribunal dealt directly with the liberty of the subject, and that the vulnerability of patients detained in institutions made it particularly difficult for them to argue their case themselves.

The committee draws attention to the injustices taused when parents whose children may be taken away from them and put in the care of the local authority are not entirled to legal aid so that they can be

The Government has repeatedly said that there is no money available for extending legal aid available for extending legal and for that purpose. But the Lord Chancellor's committee proposes an interim solution, allowing parents to be represented if it seemed that there was a conflict of interests between parents and child.

The committee commends the work of conciliation services in

new figures suggest however, that savings on undergraduate medical education from the pro-

posals would total only about

preclinical course would actu-ally cost money, while the savings from the closure of the Royal Free course would be

Closing the King's College

Although closures cannot vet

of students to staff.

Flowers report, published last The Flowers report estiyear, which would have closed mated that its proposals would all or part of three of London's save at least £3m a year. The

£700,000.

by Britain Research into conciliation services in Bristol, the pioneerservices in Bristol, the pioneering city for such schemes, suggests that they often take much of the bitterness out of divorce and that there is a saving on legal and expenditure. under study

. In a report published with the advisory committee's report the Law Society calls for criminal legal aid to be made available to people applying against a magistrate's refusal of bail. It promotes that it charles bail. It proposes that it should be possible for such appeals to go to Crown Court judges instead of High Court judges. Its recommendations on how

The statistics published with the reports show that civil legal aid totalled £47m in the year ended March 31, 1980, and that criminal legal aid in magisstrates courts amounted to £30m. Legal aid granted for court cases is not

crown court cases is included in the statistics. Legal Aid: 30th Annual Reports of the Law Society and of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Com-mittee (Stationery Office, £5.70).

Medical schools are likely to stay made by increasing the ratio be roled out, it is likely that

be roled out, it is likely that none of the 17 oppions covered by vesterday's report will be adopted, but the mass of data will be used to construct new oprions which may well involve closer associations, and possibly long-term mergers between four pairs of medical schools, including the Westminster and Charing Cross. In addition, the report points out that if St George's Hospital

medical school remained at its current numbers, instead of expanding as planned, consider-able savings could be made.

# Satellite plan

Plans for a new military satellite communications system, equipment procurement com-

the development could be paid

The case for establishing a communications system designed for the British Armed Services, but which can link up with the United States and Nato networks, has been agreed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

However, the needs of the Royal Navy, which would operate the planned Trident missile force, have been a dominant factor in the decision. The Ministry of Defence last launched a satellite exclusively for British military use in 1974. Shortly afterwards the United Kingdom defence communicathe Nato system.

But that is no longer ade-

## mittee, said that many motorists parked with impunity. The chance of meeting a policeman was small and even when a fine was issued it was often not paid. Sunday games opposed

# Mr James Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation, said yesterday: "If Sunday football spreads it will mean cancellation of police officers' Sunday leave. We shall be making our views known to the Home Secretary and the football authorities."

to be brought into operation in 1984 at a cost of £100m, are being examined today by the

Kingdom defence communications network was merged into

quate to cover the range and capacity of communications links required by the Ministry of Defence. Nato satellite are designed for a well defined zone of largely land forces using super-high-frequency radio links.

marine part of the project, against bus crews.

# Importuning by actor Peter Dudley, aged 45, an actor in the television series, Coronation Street, was fined E200 at Manchester City Magistrates Court yesterday when he admitted importuning for an immoral purpose in a public layerery.

for will be passed to the Cabinet for approval The case for establishing a

# Bail for policeman

In brief

Man guilty of 64

Magistrates' Court yesterday.

He admitted 57 offences and

was found guilty on seven others; the rest were with-drawn by the police or dismis-

sed. He was disqualified from driving for three years, fined a total of £160 for 11 offences

and given a two-year conditional discharge on the others.

Tougher action against

Stricter measures to curb illegal parking, such as the use of wheel clamps or "bulldogs" on cars, were called for by

Greated London Council officials at the Commons Select

Committee on Transport yester

day.

Mr. Alan Greengross, leader
of the council's planning and
communications policy com-

illegal parkers urged

driving charges

Michael Tree, an unemployed labourer, of Bushton, Wiltshire, faced 82 motoring charges, including driving without insurance, at Wootton Bassett Magistrates' Court vesterday

Police Constable Michael Arthur Pollock, aged 22, was granted bail until April 6 at Horseferty Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday accused of trying to cheat an insurance company of nearly £1,000 by claiming that his car was missing.

TB patient found

A search throughout Britain for a man suffering from highly infectious tuberculosis who dis-charged himself from hospital ended yesterday when Mr James Cross, a wandering knife-grinder, was found in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

#### Sleeping policemen

The Government is The Government is to support legislation to make it easier for councils to install road humps, known as sleeping policemen, to slow down traffic in areas with a high accident

Bus crew cameras

links.

The new type of system also specifies an ultra-high-frequency band for the shipborne and sub-

### NEW NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS.

National Insurance contributions rates and limits will change from

The main changes are shown here, but for full details get leaflet NL203. Apl 81 from a post office or social security office.

### **EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

The lower earnings limit below which no Class I contributions are casable, by employer or employee, is being raised to \$27 a week. The upper earnings limit up to which Class I contributions are payable will

be raised to £200 a week. The percentage rates of contribution for employees will also be increased. Those who are not contracted-out will pay 7.75% on earnings up to \$200. Those who are contracted-out will pay 7.75% on earnings up to \$27 and 5.25% perments. \$27 and \$200. The reduced rate contribution payable by some married demen and widows will go up to 2.75%. There will be no change in the percentage rates

of contribution paid by employers. New contribution tables are being issued direct to employers. But it copies are not received by March 21 apply as follows:

\*Not-contracted-out tables (CF391) – local social security office. \*Contracted-out tables (CF392) – Contracted-out Employments Group, DHSS, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE96117.

\*III Surcharge-exempt tables (CF398) - Collector of Taxes to whom end-ofyear tax returns are made.

Existing tables will be invalid after April 5 and should not be used for payments of earnings after that date.

#### SELF-EMPLOYED.

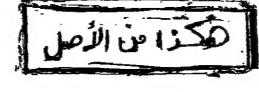
Closs 2 flat-rate contributions are being raised to \$3.40 a week-Frou expert to earn less than \$1,475 from telf-amployment in the 1001/32 tax year you can apply for exception from liability to pay Class 2 contributions.

Class 2 contribution rate will be increased to 575% and the lower and upper limits of profits or gains on which contributions are payable will be raised to ಟ್ಟೆ150 and £10,000 respectively.

#### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Class 3 flat-rate contributions will be raised to 23.30 a week.

Issued by the Department of Health and Social Security.



## Synod condemns 'racially divisive and inequitable' nationality Bill

Charing Cross.

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent
Strong criticism of the
Government's nationality Bill
was voiced in the General
Synod of the Church of England
yesterday. A motion referring
to it as "racially divisive and
specially inequirable" was carried with only one dissenting ried with only one dissenting

That vote effectively commits the Anglican bishops in the House of Lords to oppose the Bill. One synod speaker indicated that the bishops may table amendments to it. table amendments to it.

The Rev Martin Leigh, of Derby diocese, smmarized feeling against the Bill by declaring: "One caw only wonder if the Government have forgotten all they said about the tyranny of the state when they were in opposition." Any nationality Bill needed objective criteria but "this Bill says you are British if the Home Secretary chooses to say you are ".

The Propost of Birmingham.

The Provost of Birmingham, the Very Rev. Basil Moss, said there was a strong sonse of insecurity and anxiety in the minority communities in Britain, which he had experienced as chairman of the largest

Check on blacks

in Civil

By a Staff Reporter

The ministers responsible for the Bill were not accused of intentional racial discrimina-

the country.

Some people needing passports would, under the Bill's provisions, have to produce not only their own birth certificates but also those of their parents.
They would have to provide evidence of commons residence,
even if they were born in
Britain.

tion, but it was the synod's general view that the Bill would

Other speakers said the Bill, if enacted, would lead to the creation of hundreds of thou-sands of stateless citizens and undermine the right of nationality of people who should be entitled to British citizenship.

general view that the Bill would produce that effect.
Powell protest: Mr Enoch Powell said yesterday that it was unjustifiable for the Bill to impose upon children at birth British citizenship which both parents might ave deliberately eschewed (Our Parliamentary Staff writes).

When the Common commit-

When the Common commit-tee considering the Bill when presented without su resumed, Mr Powell, Official stantiation, of the Bill may we Ulster Unionist MP for Down

community relations council in South, described the provision the country.

Some people needing passports would, under the Bill's moved an amendment to delete

He said the Bill ensured that a child born in Britain of foreign parents should be a British citizen if its parents were settled here. That was a departure from principles con-

departure from principles cou-tained in conventions signed as long ago as 1930.

Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State, Bome Office, opposing theamendment, said it was in the interests of good race rela-tions that children born in Britain of settled parents should be British citizens. Children growing up here should have as strong a sense of security as possible, otherwise Britain would breed trouble for years. The committee adjourned

until tomorrow.

Clash with churches: Mc
Raison has clashed with the 
Scottish Churches' Council over the Bill (our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

In a letter replying to their attacks on it, he said: "General blanket criticism, particularly when presented without substantiation, of the Bill may well-

## In-service teacher training a necessity, HMIs say

Service refused By Diana Geddes Bitter disappointment greeted

the news yesterday that the Government has rejected the idea of monitoring the number of non-white employees in the Civil Service, as recommended in a report from the Tavistock Institute for Human Relations.

Monitoring is seen by bodies such as the Commission for Racial Equality as crucial in the efforts to eliminate racial discrimination in employment.

Unless an entire language of the commission of Unless an equal opportunities policy is monitored there is no way of telling whether it is working, an official said.

Miss Usha Prahar, director of the Punyaward Toust said the

the Runneymede Trust, said the Government's decision was ex-reenely disappointing. Mr treniely disappointing. Mr Russell Profitt, of the London. Standing. Conference of Afro-Asian Councilors, said the decision was a betrayal.
Mr John Grant, Labour MP

for Islington, Central, and opposition spokesman on employ-ment said the refusal was inmensely short-sighted.

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in-service training could realistically be expected during the next few years. But the present level of provision of about £60a a year could have a demantifying a pear on schools if those re-Education Correspondent . In-service training of practicng teachers is no longer a luxury hut a necessity, the school inspectors (HMIs) say impact on schools if those re sources were accurately direc in z discussion document on teacher training in secondary schools published yesterday. ted at the main weaknesses, and if the quality of all course, approached that of the best. The report speaks with conquality of work in cern of the number of teacher

secondary schools throughout the 1980s would depend not so who are inadequately trained it much on the influence of the subject they are reaching many of whom were operation newly trained teachers, portant though that was, but on the majority of reachers beyond the limits of their know ledge and competence. who were already teaching; and falling pupil numbers com-bined with spending cuts were making their task increasingly likely to increase the possibilit of teachers' being called on !

difficult Closure or amalgamation of schools, reduction of pro-motion prospects, and an immotion prospects, and an im-balance of staff specialisms within schools might all pur strain on teachers' morale, dampen their vitality and enthusiasm for change and de-velopment, and strengthen the tendency towards "traditional" styles of teaching, with its wer-emphasis on passive learning, note-taking and factual recall.

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Almost all subjects had changed substantially sint most practising teachers hastudied them. There was urgent need in all such case for updating and refreshmer Teacher traving and its Secondar

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## Two-time loser and Civil War officer in the abortive coup

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Feb 24

The moustachined colonel who held the Spanish Government—and almost the entire Spanish Congress of Deputies spanish Congress of Deputies—
as hostages during a frontal
anack on the post-Franco
democracy did so, he said, out
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Lieutenant-Colonel
Tejero Molina, from the tough Galaxy "-designed to make the entire Cabinet prisoners at the Prime Minister's residence Juring an absence abroad of ational salvation

While he was holding more han 300 of the key politicians f Spain as hostages, he said hat in his latest effort he ranted the country to be run
and a military justs until
arrorism could be wiped out.
Because of the intercession "I fellow officers after the first tempted coup, the colonel as released from prison and ut under house arrest after nly one month behind bars. : Then he was finally brought to ial, he was only given a ven-month jail sentence. Later lowed to resume their normal

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That first coup attempt did or go so far as the present re, but its eventual conse-rences would have been the me if it had been successful. · plonel Tejero Molina, who



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apparently likes to state he believes in a hierarchy despite his
olympic disregard for the goveroment of the nation, would
have been close to the top of
the pyramid of power if the
coup had succeeded.

Perhaps the price the officer
had to may for the first arrent.

had to pay for the first attemp-ted coup was not dear enough to dissuade him from trying again—and on a grander scale. Colonel Tejero Molina, aged paramilitary Civil Guard, is a 49, who is reported to have two-time coup loser. He was abrogated sole responsibility for convicted by court martial a the abortive coup (although year and a half ago for com-commonsense suggests that it piracy in a plot—"Operation takes more than one to contakes more than one to conspire), was known as a fractious right-wing officer before he be-gan conniving against his civil-

Ging Juan Carlos. The plot alled for the subsequent decaration of a "government of article and a government of a government of a subsequent decaration of a "government of a government of King Juan Carlos on its front page. The letter called for a tough law on terrorism, with "facilities" for the police and "rapid and exemplary punish-ment for the assassins".

He was reported to have been punished for writing to a publication without permission from his military superiors. Subsequently the same newspaper reprinted the letter in August and again in September. Lieutenant - General Jaime Milans del Bosch, aged 65, whom

Colonel Tejero referred to as his chief in the foiled operation, is one of the most hawkish of Spain's active duty generals. But he is an officer who bad a flawless professional record. He was a second lieutenant

in the forces led by Colonel Moscardo during the bitter defence of the Alcazar of Toledo during the Spanish Civil War. Later he was a captain in the "Blue Division", which General Franco sent to fight beside Hitler's troops against the Soviet Union.

Close to the time when the "Galaxy" plot came to light, the general was transferred from his post as commander of the proud Brunette armoured division, stationed in the mountains just north of Madrid, to the post of Captain-General-or commanding officer-of the Third Military District, based in Valencia.

There was no evidence to suggest any direct link between the "Galaxy" affair and his new assignment. Observers attributed his involvement in the latest coup attempt rather to a general reshuffle in the Armed Forces, which reflected the more liberal trend

Brave photographers: The dramatic photographs taken of yesterday's seizure of the Cortes were the work of Manuel Perez Barriopedro and Manuel Hernandez de Leon, working for EFE, the Spanish news agency. They smuggled the film out in their clothing.



A civil guard abandons the rebellion by climbing out of a parliament window and into custody.

## The Ten alarmed by threat to democracy in Madrid

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Feb 24

The gunshots fired yesterday into the ceiling of the Cortes (Parliament) by rebel members of the Spanish Civil Guard set political alarm bells ringing throughout the EEC.

Relief at today's news that the incident had ended peacefully did not entirely erase the concern caused by so dramatic a demonstration of the fragility of Spain's still infant demo-

Spain applied to join the EEC in 1977 and since the beginning of 1979 has been in negotiation with the European Commission on its terms of entry, which Madrid is hoping to achieve during 1984.

A Commission spokesman said this morning that Brussels was confident, after two years of close contacts with Spanish officials, parliamentarians and trade unionists, that "yester-day's episode of violence constitutes no more than an acci-dent which will not affect the process of Spain's integration (into the Community) ".

Entry negotiations were opened with Spain and Portugal on the implicit understanding that a democratic, pluralist political system was an indis-pensable political qualification There is no precedent, nor formal constitutional machinery. for dealing with a member-state which has ceased to be

#### Remarkable | harmony on butter agreement

In a remarkable outbreak of harmony, EEC Agricultural Ministers agreed in principle here tonight on a new deal for exports of New Zealand butter to Britain and settled a number of other issues that had defied

The agreement was tempered only by the reservation of the Italians on one aspect of the complex inter-linked deal. The strength of the Italian objection was not immediately clear, but the Italian minister promised to give his Government's final answer by March 10.

Mr Peter Walker, the Mini-ster of Agriculture, said he was "delighted" by this outcome, which came after surprising concessions by M Pierre
Méhaignerie, his French colleague, who had earlier taken
a particularly tough line over
New Zealand butter.

The change in the French attitude was thought to have been motivated by a desire to clear the decks of outstanding issues and leave the ministers free to devote their attention over the next month to the annual farm price fixing nego-

The French Government is haunted by a nightmare vision of discontented farmers taking to the streets in the weeks be fore the presidential election at the end of April. Paris thus wants agreement on farm price increases by early next month, which on past experience would be something of a record.

In their first formal exchange of views today on farm prices, an overwhelming majority of the ministers rejected the average 7.8 per cent increase proposed by the European Commission for 1981-82 as far too low, given the inflation in far-

Only Mr Walker and Herr Josef Erri, the West German minister, appeared to accept the Commission's proposal though with qualifications.

with qualifications.

Other measures agreed tonight will release some £60m of aid for modernizing farming and fisheries and improving marketing techniques in Northern Ireland and the Western Isles, of which between 40 and 50 per cent will be financed from EEC funds.

The ministers also agreed on a new sugar regime which gives Britain a total production quota of 1,144,000 tonnes.

Mr Gerrit Braks, the Dutch minister who chaired the meeting said afterwards that the ministers would meet again on March 16, 23, 30 and 31 in the. hope of reaching agreement on new EEC farm prices by the start of the marketing year on

## Worker at the 'Giscard coal face' is urged to break his silence

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From Charles Hargrove
Paris. Feb 24
Only a few weeks ago M
Raymond Barre, the Prime
Minister, was very much in the
front line of the political fray—
doggedly defending the Goveroment's economic policy for
the past four-and-a-half years.
With his customary indestructible self-confidence, he
proclaimed that there was no
valid alternative. Hardly a day

valid alternative. Hardly a day went by when he was not heard to make some public pronouncement. He manned all the battlements and repeatedly rallied

the defenders of the besieged Giscardian fortress. But since January 20, he has been strangely quiescent and has kept to himself while the electoral controversy has grown increasingly strident. creasingly strident.

He was not even stirred from his determined silence by the

telling blows of M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, at the two most conspicuous Barre failures-inflation and unem-ployment-and his advocacy of drastic cuts in government spending and vigorous policy of industrial investment. The reason is obvious. The

strategists of the Elysée and of the Giscard group had come to the conclusion that the Prime Minister's consistency poor public image, which has further deteriorated in the past month (if opinion polls are to be believed), has harmed the Presidential dent's own.

M Barre had ceased to be effective as the shield of M Giscard d'Estaing, a thankless role he has played selflessly and consistently since he took office in August, 1976, even to the point of priding himself on his unpopularity. He saw himself as working at

the coal face, leaving the President free to concentrate on higher things, both at home and But the Government's econo-

#### French Presidential **Election**

mic record has proved more and more to be the favourite angle of attack of the contenders for the presidency—whether from party supporters or from the

In a regime where ultimately everything is decided by the President, the Prime Ministerat least in the eyes of opponents
—is reduced to the role of a chief of staff. The blame for the Government's economic short-comings is being laid more and more at M Giscard d'Estaing's

So M Barre was bidden to withdraw from the front line. and, respectful as he has always been of the spirit of the insututions of the Fifth Republic, he did as he was told.

"Please keep away from me anything which might have an electoral flavour", he told reporters who followed him to Lyons last Friday to obtain his reactions to M Chirac's suric-

This attitude was in marked contrast to his wholehearted involvement in the parliamentary election campaign when the walls of Paris and leading provincial towns were plastered with large posters proclaiming: "Barre, confidence." Ministers now barely mention his name in their speeches.

Yesterday, the Council of Ministers held an extraordinary meeting at Rambouillet, near of Ministers was purely in Paris, to take stock of the tended to fake this record.

action taken by the Government on 29 policy priorities, ear-marked by M Barre last Nov-ember, which the President wished to he implemented

before the end of his first term

in office.

At the close of it, M Barre was silent. It was M Giscard d'Estaing who declared, in words taken straight out of his Prime Minister's repertory:

"All the priority measures decided by the Government have been implemented, and what the Government has promised has been carried out. These measures are detrimental neither to the budger nor the currency, for the defence of the budger and the currency is a fundamental condition of the battle for economic activity and

battle for economic activity and employment." But now, according to the independent left-wing Le Mann, the strategists of the Giscard group are beginning to have second thoughts. M Chirac's indictment of the Government's economic policy has made a deep impression on public

Someone, it is felt, should take the mayor down a peg. The President cannot do so without loss of dignity—and who better therefore than M Barre, who could claim the right of reply. It remains to be seen whether he will be willing to emerge from a silence, which, all things considered, suits him well. For he has his own political future to think of, even though he always denies he has any presi-dential ambitions; and it is not at all impossible that, in an

emergency, the country might turn to him. Laurent Fabius, the Socialist Party spokesman, said yesterday that the Government's record was negative; that the President had not kept his promises: and that the extraordinary meeting of the Council

## Socialists launch newspaper in France

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 24

The birth of 2 new party when there are practically none left apart from the communist L'Humanité and those ordinary dailies that have survived are threatened with disappearance, is at best an act of faith, at worst a piece of folly.

The Socialist Party is not wanting the first; its enemies would say it has also a good dose of the second; but the fact is that today, for the first time in 14 years since the demise of the old Populaire, it can boast once again of a daily

The first issue of Combat Socialiste came out today. The jective newspaper was not spared probooksta longed birth pangs, and its 10,000.

future is by no means assured; year ago, on the ground that the Socialist Party, baving become the largest party in France, was fully capable of supporting a daily newspaper. But even within socialist ranks, opinions were divided on

the merits of the venture. M Claude Germon, a member of the party's national secretariat, prevailed in the end. Publication of the first issue, originally scheduled for January 26, was

however, postponed.

The first issue has had a printing run of 100,000. M Germon says he has 13,000 regular subscribers; his objective is 25,000, and kiosk and bookstall sales of another

The editorial staff is made up but at least it exists. The tentative plan for a new socialist organ was announced nearly a vear ago. on the ground that Temoignage Chretien, the Roman Catholic weekly. Combat Socialiste is a 16-page tabloid divided into six sections— politics, foreign, economic and culture, sports and society.

The first issue contains an interview on unemployment with M François Mitterrand,

with M François Mitterrand, the socialist candidate in the presidential elections.

He says: "Unemployment is a real bloodletting for the country. It puts everything at stake. Already the standard of lines." living. In the longer run, national independence and public safety will be undermined if an end is not put to this haemorrhage."

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# Moscow criticism of Italian and Spanish communists

Party Congress began bearing which he said Moscow had good speeches from leading foreign relations. communists on its second day, a Polithuro member criticized

Spanish and Italian parties, and positions serves their com-which have sent only low-level mon aim best of all", Mr reforms: delegations, Mr Vladimir Brezhnev said. He said the period since the Shcherbitsky, party secretary of the Soviet leader's remarks the Ukraine, called on all were broadcast to the nation in

5,000 delegates, in which he accused parties opposing Soviet

Russians welcomed "comradely, reproduced in all Soviet papers constructive" criticism, but were categorically opposed to criticism that distorted socialist mass have been analysing Mr reality and, wittingly or unwittingly beloed their class conference with President

As further evidence that his words were intended especially

for the Italians and Spaniards, remarks on the domestic situahe pointedly omitted them from
a list of foreign parties with of his lengthy report.

remarks on the domestic situahuge sums on state agriculture
without a better retorn on its
should also stop buying things
investments. As the Soviet Communist a list of foreign parties with

Eurocommunist parties, accusing them of damaging the world revolutionary process and the interests of their peoples.

In a clear reference to the discussion of differing views the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and the Russians had any intention and policy and no indication that the Russians had any intention and policy and the Russians had any intention and policy and the Russians had any intention and the Rus

The Soviet leader's remarks parties to support Moscow in a long report on the opening many the face of threats from the day's proceedings on Soviet 100-minute broadcast, ending addressing the delegates in a firm voice, though he occasionpolicies of helping imperialist ally stumbled over his words ropaganda. and spoke extremely slowly. The Soviet leader said the The full text of his speech was

today, Meanwhile, foreign diplo-

Most agreed that he was relations.

remarkably frank in outlining the plan for their output was
Criticism of Soviet policy the difficulties facing the unfulfilled year after year. It
would be more acceptable if it Soviet economy and the worries was now the party's prime

party congress in 1976 had not been easy. There had been many difficulties in the country's development, thoughtelevision in the evening. The he asserted that the party's 100-minute broadcast, ending economic strategy was correct. munism echoes that issued speculation that the 74-year-old in spite of the growth of vesterday by President Breznnev leader did not himself read industry, incomes, the mechanin his opening address to the all his speech, showed him zation of agriculture and other. achievements, much needed to-

> In the next five years meat more efficient. production would rise by three million tons to more than 18 million and every peasant and Brezhnev's offer of a summit farmer was urged to do his bit. Brezhnev said was vital, but conference with President Mr Brezhnev spoke of the he said better labour discipline Reagan and other foreign policy importance of private agriculinitiatives. The Russians have ture, but said that the state was been closely studying his not going to continue spending should be put into practice.

On consumer goods, he said unfulfilled year after year. It was now the party's prime requirement to improve this, and to show "concrete concern for the concrete person" by expanding consumer services

He had barsh words for poor management, and hinted that tough new penalties would be brought in to stop what he admitted was the widespread-downward revision of state plans to allow workers to earn. unmerited bonuses.

He criticized the poor use of existing plant in industry and the waste of raw materials, and launched a new slogan: achievements, much needed to done. The main priority, he said, was the supply of consumer goods and food, especially meat.

No economic reforms or new plans were proposed to boost-labour productivity which Mr Brezhnev said was vital, but he said better labour discipline

from abroad that they could make perfectly well at home. The Soviet leader touched on

the sensitive subject of nationalism in the Soviet Union He praised the Russian people for their "disinterested assistance" to vast areas of Central Asia, but in a signifi-cant concession to growing Russian nationalism, noted that large areas of the Russian Republic had fallen behind in development, and help for this area was an urgent priority.

In other republics, he said, the party was against obliterating national identities, but would not permit their "artificial inflation".

On ideology, Mr Brezhnev was forthright in condemning weak political education and unconvincing propaganda. He spoke of the boredom of modern youth, "Have not forms of our mass political work become too fossilized? After all, it is one thing to address people who have little education, and another to speak to the present-day Soviet citizen."

He said propaganda should

avoid stereotyped phrases and verbiage. Above all it should not shun sensitive issues or be

was also essential that criticism should not be "persecuted". Regarding the arts, he called

for serious thought-provoking works, but hinted at a crackdown on any dissenting writ ings or paintings that strayed from the party line and "discredit our Soviet reality". He added: "The party was not and can never be indifferent to the ideological orientation of our art ".

Mc Brezhnev had words of praise for the KGB security police for stopping anti-govern-ment actions, and warnings for black marketeers, speculators, and especially for doctors and medical assistants, who had abused the health system and neglected their duties.

Finally, he called for a revision of the party's programme, which he said was now out of date. That programme, drawn up 20 years ago by Nikita Khrushchev, is something of an embarrassment because of its forecasts that the Soviet Union would have overtaken capital-ism by now. Mr Brezhnev said a new programme should establish, only principles, as it was impossible and inappropriate to foretell particulars.

## Polish leader pledges way will be barred to 'counter-revolution'

Moscow, Feb 24

Mr Stanislaw Kania, the Polish Party Secretary, today thanked the Russians for their understanding in his country's crisis, but told them that Poland had the strength and will to prevent counter-revolution in the country.

Addressing delegates on the second day of the Soviet Com-munist Party Congress, Mr Kania gave full backing to President Brezhnev's assertion that the defence of Communism in Poland was the concern of all fellow-communist countries -the so-called Brezhnev Doctrine.

time and patience from Poland's anxious neighbours, he said the country would solve its prob-lems in the spirit of socialism and in the interests of all its

· He said his Government was not blind to the openly counter-revolutionary forces in the

From Our Own Correspondent country which were backed by imperialism. But in what appeared to be a rebuke to hardliners in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, he said the Polish party had decided to seek a political solution to the social conflict and to restore the confidence of society in the people's

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It was not socialism that had led to Poland's difficulties, he added, but the violation of its principles and the disregard of it economic laws and Leninist norms, and the neglect of

ideological work. He reassured his Soviet bosts that the Polish-Soviet alliance would always be a basic principle of Polish foreign policy. Dessa Trevisan writes from Warsaw: The speech confirms the line which the Polish leadership has taken in recent weeks. It is determined to reach settlements by negotiation and agree-ment. But externally it intends to reinforce economic and political integration within the Warsaw Pact and Comecon.

### **Defeat for** radicals in Kuwait election

Kuwait Feb 24.—Conseryative, pro-Government candi-dates won a landslide victory today in Kuwait's parliamentary election. The result was a resounding defeat for radical Arab pationalist politicians and supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader.

The election results, which are believed to reflect popular Arab opinion throughout the Gulf oil states, were interpreted by analysts as a demand for gradualist, pro-Western and conservative government at a time when the region is being buffeted by revolution and war.

The winners in yesterday's voting for the 50-seat National Assembly were announced early today, after the ballots from 25 constituencies were tabu-

In accordance with the con-stitution, the three-year-old Government led by Mr Saad Abdullah al-Salem al-Sabah, the Prime Minister, tendered its, resignation to Shaikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, the Emir. The Emir asked the ministers to remain in their posts while consultations were held to form a new Government.

The voting produced two surprises. The first was the total defeat of the radical Arab nationalist candidates led by Dr Ahmed al-Khatib, whose movement dominated Kuwaiti parliament life in the 1960s and

The other was the poor show-ing of the Shia candidates inspired by Ayatollah Khomeini's revolution. Shies make up about 39 per cent of the Kuwaiti male population.-UPI. | handouts for overseas aid ". But wards,

67 nations discuss how to regulate trade in animals.

## Elephants feet become waste bins

From Trevor Fishlock Dehi, Feb 24

An extraordinary and poig-nant photograph is being shown at a wildlife conference here. It shows dozens of hacked-off elephants feet drying in rows in the African sun. Once dried, these feet are sold to tourists

as wastepaper baskets.

Another photograph shows a butcher in Germany, evidently specializing in exotic meats, displaying a deep-frozen riger and crocodiles. Yet another shows a rotting gorilla, killed in central Africa for the sake of

The trade in limbs, skins, juices and other bits of wild animals, as well as in live animals and birds, has increased greatly in recent years. In a number of countries it has be-come a significant business. West Germany, for example, imported wildlife products

worth £21m last year. In some countries rhinoceros horn; sold to suggestible men who believe it to have aphrodisiac properties, fetches £4,500 a kilogram.

Elephants are still slaugh-tered in their thousands to meet the demands of ivory traders. About five million crocodiles are being killed every year for their fashionable. The trade in exotic, fashion-

able and sometimes useful wild animal products is being dis-cussed in the next 10 days at tite third conference of signa-tories to the 1973 Convention on International Trade in En-dangered Species of wild fauna and Flora (Cites).

This is perhaps the largest gathering of wildlife experts and of people involved in the trade in wild animals. Sixtyseven countries and more than

100 wildlife organizations are

Because Cites seeks to regulate the wild animal trade, as well as to ban the hunting of threatened species, the conference is an important meeting place for conservationists and for those with a vested interest in pelrs, 'lvory, whale oil, animal souvenirs and the sale of a variety of creatures from parrots

to bobcats. The conference will consider proposals to extend the lists drawn up by Cites, which ban or strictly control the bunting or collecting of certain fauna and flora.

West Germany is trying to have the hunting of three kinds of whale—sperm, sei and fin— outlawed. If accepted, this could put pressure on the Interna-tional Whaling Commission to end its practice of allowing bunting quotes on these species.

## Outcry over 'handouts' term for aid

By Fred Emery Political Editor

Political Editor

The use of the term "handouts" by the Prime Minister in
speaking in the Commons yesterday of Britain's overseas aid
provoked protests among
Labour MPs and some shock
among Conservative back
benchers.

benchers.

a nice position if one were to be able to make enormous

noting that this year's total Thatcher's remark disclosed her government aid was £950m she true artitude towards overseas said that, with the tremendous aid.
burden on the Exchequer, she Mr Ted Rowlands, MP for

urging an increase in foreign. Mrs Margaret Thatcher aid since cuts were announced acknowledged the protests and in last April's budget. The explained she had meant "aid, 1960m total for the financial gifts, loans, anything that year 1980-81 compares with helps". She had said: "It would be 1979—a cut in "real" terms.

Property is a specific to make enormous privately complaining aftersuggested that Mrs

Merliyr Tydfil, who was Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs for three years in the Labour Government, said last night: "Mrs Thatcher's reference to handouts is an utter disgrace. It will do irreparable damage to Commonwealth relations and to the whole of our trade with Third World countries. She does not realize how closely these countries follow every-thing that is said in the

### Last-minute hint that **Britons** may not be freed

From Tony Allaway

Tehran, Feb 24 Three British missionaries were expected to fly to Europe from Iran tomorrow, free for the first time in six months. But the word on everyone's lips was "Inshallah" ("God will-

was "Instantanting").
They are expected to board a scheduled Iran Air flight to Istanbul, Frankfurt and Paris which leaves Tehran at 12.30 pm (9 am GMT).
A brief comment by Hojatoleslam Ali Ghoddusi, the Revolutionary Prosecutor-

Revolutionary Prosecutor-General, in an exterview with state radio and television cast a last-minute cloud over the hopes of their release. He indi-cated that although there was no legal obstacle to their freedom the Iranian Government might still hold them while insisting that Britain also freed two Iranians jailed in London.

Talk that such an exchange was being pressed by the Iranians has previously been strongly decied by the British authorities and diplomatic sources insisted today that it had never been brought up in discussions.

. The Prosecutor-General said the Prosecutor-General said
the Britons—Dr John Coleman,
his wife Dr Audrey Coleman
and Miss Jean Waddell—could
be released "if there are no
problems in respect to the relations between the two Govern-

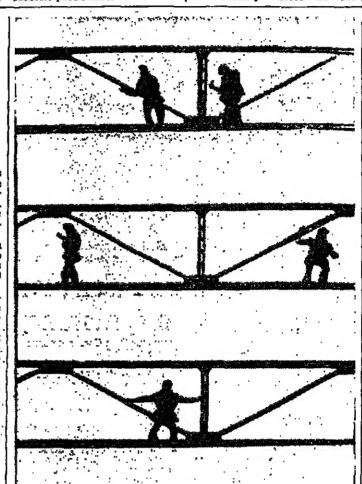
He said that although legally free on the basis of the documents brought against them, forging the three missionaries were not without guilt in a

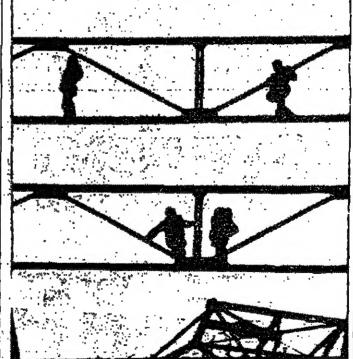
Interviewed by the official Pars news agency today the three Anglicans reaffirmed that they had been treated very well The Colemans will be leaving Iran extremely reluctantly. Having lived here for 32 years they now regard it as their home and had asked to be

Diplomatic sources said representatives were made to Iranian officials today concerning a fourth jailed Briton, Mr Andrew Pyke, a businessman. The representations had borne no fruit, the sources said.

The Prosecutor-General allegedly said Mr Pyke would be put on trial on charges of espionage and embezzlement from the Helicopter Aviantion

Services company that he ran in Tehran.





Silhouettes of workers building a huge hydroelectric scheme at Kurpsai in the Soviet Union.

#### Détente key issue in Thatcher **US** talks

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Three main issues will dominate the agenda of Mrs Margarer Thatcher's talks with President Reagan at the White House tomorrow: East-West relations, which are at a particurelations, which are at a particu-larly sensitive stage; the Middle East, including the Gulf war; and southern Africa, notably Namibla.

To this will be added a fourth item, of special interest to the Americans; the crisis in El

Salvador. Mrs Thatcher, who is accom-Mrs Thatcher, who is accompanied by Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, files from London today, making the first visit by a European leader to Washington since President Reagan took office. Mr Thatcher is going with her and her daughter Carel will join them in Washington.

The time which the Prime Minister and the President will actually spend in their casin session of talks is only two

session of talks is only two hours, though the programme is crowded.

The main purpose of the meeting is for the two leaders to get a sense of each other's views, rather than go into the issues in depth. From that point of view, the Prime Minister and her advisers are in no doubt that a great deal can be done in the time. In addition, there will be formal dinners at the White the British Embassy on Friday.

in honour of President Reagan. Mrs Thatcher will also meet two keynote speeches, one of Anglo-American relations Georgetown University, and one on East-West relations in New

York, before flying home on Saturday night. These speeches are seen by the Prime Minister, together with her recent address to the Pilgrims' dinner in London, as forming a comprehensive state-ment of her approach to foreign

policy.
Lord Carrington, who will join her for the White House talks, will have separate meetings with Mr Haig, the Socretary of State, at which the whole range of foreign affairs will be discussed.

As seen from London, the new Administration is still in the process of forming its views on most subjects. Its general line on detente and East-West relations is begin-ning to emerge.

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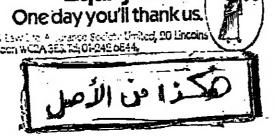
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### Israeli leader uses remark by Mr Reagan to justify Jewish settlements

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem, Feb 24
Mr Menachem Begin, the
Israeli Prime Minister, today
cited a recent statement by President Reagan to justify his Government's continuing policy of expanding settlements in the occupied West Bank.

Mr Begin's remarks have come after a series of angry diplomatic messages to Washngton from Arab leaders about the apparent change signalled by the new President in America's attitude towards the West Bank settlements.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Foreign Press Association, Mr Begin said that Israel would continue with its plans to build 10 new settle

sist on describing the land conquered in the Six-Day War. The Prime Minister was answering a question from an American reporter about a local press report, stating that more han £2m had been set aside in the 1981 budget to accommodate the accelerated settlement settlement

The figure had aroused bitter criticism because of the Cabinet's declared intention to cut public spending in an effort to reduce inflation from its present rate of 140 per cent. Referring pointedly to a re-cent much-publicized remark-

in Mr Reagan's statement that plans to build 10 new settle the new Jewish settlements ments in the occupied terriwere "not illegal"—Mr Begin tories before the June elections. said: "As he used the double accelerated settlement plans. negative, of course the result Re openly criticized Mr is positive, they are legal. We Reagan for referring to the always believed it. They are occupied territory in question legal, legitimate and also an in-as "The West Bank", claim-tegral part of our national ing that its historical name was security".

## Haig inquiry is dropped

The Senate today effectively abandoned its attempt to obtain information about the possible involvement of Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, in the Watergate affair, thereby removing the final question mark over the former Nato com-mander's suitability for the senior post in President Rea-gan's cabiner.

By a vote of eight to five the Senate foreign relations commit-tee decided that it was not in

From Our Own Correspondent the American national interest Washington, Feb 24 to pursue Mr Haig's role in the Watergate controversy During its confirmation hearings last month, the committee

had decided to subpoena a list of the tape recordings involving Mr Haig's conversations with former President Nixon during the final weeks of the Water-gate scandal. But Mr Nixon resisted the publication of the tapes. This objection effectively blocked the release of the list of the tapes without a lengthy court battle.

## CND emissary in US will oppose Thatcher line

By Ian Bradley

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) is sending one of its leading members to the United States to present the case against nuclear weapons during Mrs Thatcher's visit to President Reagan.

Mrs Joan Ruddock, a member of CND's national council and coordinator of the Newbury Campaign against Cruise Missiles, is flying to Washington

tomorrow,
On Friday, while the Prime
Minister is making a speech at Georgetown University, Mrs in Britain and 59 per cent Ruddock will give a press con-opposed the Government's de-Ruddock will give a press conference under the auspices of the Institute of Policy Studies

in Washington. show the amount of support that the British Government is prepared to give to Mr Reagan's policy of increasing

the nuclear arms build-up.

"I want to make clear to the Americans that while that may

is not the view of the British population. Polls show that at least half the population is now opposed to having nuclear weapons in Britain at all.

"I also want to make clear

what it is like to live in an

overcrowded Europe with no-where to escape if the bomb does fall." Mgr Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND, said that a poll at the end of last year showed that 56 per cent of the public were opposed to the sit-ing of American cruise missiles

cision to purchase the Trident He has invited Mr John Nott. She said yesterday: "Mrs Secretary of State for Defence. Thatcher will be in America to to take part in a public debate. on nuclear weapons. The Ministry of Defence said yesterday

that it was aware of the invitation but no response had yet been made by the minister. Mr Nott will be opening



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# OVERSEAS The harrel EEC expected to send nier-revolution aid to civil war in El Salvador for consideration of considerati

The EEC is expected to dispatch a £1.3m package of emergency food and relief aid to El Salvador early next month, sub-ject to assurances from the International Red Cross that the aid will not fall into the hands of left-wing guerrillas.

The aid is intended for refugees who have fled their homes because of the civil war in El Salvador.

An 11-man mission from the International Red Cross, which is coordinating the work of Western relief agencies in El Salvador, is investigating con-ditions in the Central American country, and is expected to report its findings in about a

week's time. The Red Cross team was to The Red Cross team was to tave been sent to El Salvador inyway, but its dispatch was tastened because of the pressure put on the EEC by the Jnited States to show that tumanitarian aid would not be channelled to anti-government forces.

Office nent forces.
The American view was put The American view was put procefully by Mr Lawrence agleburger, Presidem Reagan's pecial envoy, during a tour of EC capitals last week. He also rought with him what was rought with him what was foviet, Cuban and other communist involvement in the lupply of arms to the Salvalorean guerrillas.

FEC foreign ministers decided

give time for consideration of Mr Eagleburger's representa-

The American evidence The American evidence on arms supplies appears to have impressed EEC governments. In Washington yesterday Mr Jean François-Poncet, the French Foreign Minister, conceded "the existence beyond any possible doubt of an important arms traffic to El Salvador via Nicaragua".

The British Government, though without any independent evidence of its own, accepts that communist arms have been reaching guerrillas in El Salvador and shares American concern about the spread of Soviet and Cuban involvement.

The Foreign Office has also gone out of its way to counter suggestions that Mr Eagle-burger's representations had been resented as an intrusion into EEC affairs. "We see (his) visit as a further expression of the readiness of the United States Administration to consult their allies", a spokesman

However, EEC governments want to see a political solution in El Salvador and would certainly not want to get involved in direct support for the ruling in direct support for the ruling the regime, whose brutal repression is seen as the prime cause of the left-wing insurrection.

The Ten are confident that forean guerrillas.

EEC foreign ministers decided t a meeting in Brussels last reek to postpone a decision n the aid for El Salvador to the European aid—mainly food and medical supplies—can be channelled safely via the Red Cross to those for whom it is intended—the civil war victims.

#### Hiroshima is symbol for world, says the Pope

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Feb 24

The Pope today met Emperor Hirohito, once regarded by the Japanese as their god-king. The Emperor reigned over Japan during the Second World War, and at an open air Mass in a baseball stadium here, the Pope invoked the name of Hiroshima, the atomic-bombed city, to make an emotional appeal for world emotional appeal for world

The spiritual leader of the Catholic Church and the former today at the Imperial Palace in

This was the first meeting in the history of the Catholic Church between a Pope and a Japanese emperor from a dynasty deified as gods for 2,000 years until the end of the

During the protracted 50 minute meeting Japan's 79-year-old emperor told the Pope that Japan owed much to the Catholic Church because the hard times at the end of the war," the Emperor said.

The Pope replied that he admired Japan as a country which placed a heavy emphasis on moral justice: "I hope that there will be greater exchanges between Japan and European countries, not only in the



Tokyo police plugging the loudspeakers of a lorry belonging to right-wingers who are demonstrating against the Pope during his four-day visit to Japan.

material field, but also in the has known the special hortor

congregation as light rain fell destruction. tomorrow to pray for world over Tokyo, the Pope said: "I "Here, where the memory have set foot on the land that and signs of the explosion of the atomic bomb,

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Conducting an open-air Mass in Japanese for 38,000 Catholics in the Korakuen Baseball stadium later, the Pope decsulared that the name Hiroshima should be used as an international symbol for peace.

Delivering his homily to the popular feel destruction as light tain fell destruction.

the first atomic bomb are living and obvious, the words of Christ cannot fail to take on a particular vividness: Peace be

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"These words must become a challenge. They must reecho all the horrors of the final warning," the Pope said.

He will travel to Hiroshima

## S Africa may recruit British teachers

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Feb 24

A campaign to recruit teachers in Britzin for South African schools for whites is being considered by the South African Government.

The shortage of teachers, par-ticularly in the Transvaal, the most populous province, is said to have reached the point of crisis and Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of National Education, has said that an overseas recruitment programme is worth

considering.

Teachers are needed particularly for mathematics and science-classes in English-language schools. Mr Jack Ballard, general secretary of the Transvaal Teachers' Association, which represents teachers in English-language schools, said there had been 5,000 resignations last year, most of them in English schools but Afrikaanslanguage schools were "also language schools were "also feeling the pinch".

The space of resignations has been caused by mounting dis-content over working conditions and pay and aggravated by lucrative offers from commerce, which is competing fiercely in booming economic conditions for academically people,

Last week, in a pre-general election mini-budget, teachers were awarded 20 per cent pay

Mr Ballard said today that his association had long advo-cated the recruitment of tea-chers abroad, particularly in Britain, where teacher training was more closely aligned to the South African system, then in other English-speaking coun-

tries such as the United States and Australia.

But he foresaw difficulties. With the new pay rises, qualified teachers could expect to earn between 7,000 and 13,000 rands a year (between £4,000 and £7,430. Mr Ballard felt that despite the difference in living costs, South African scales might not prove attractive enough.

He also felt that the National Union of Teachers in Britain might oppose recruitment on the ground that it would be aiding a system which applies apartheid in schools.

Mr Ballard said that the shortage of teachers in white schools, particularly in Englishlanguage schools, was critical enough. The shortage of qualified people to teach black pupils is enormous.

Dr Viljoen said that overseas recruitment had been discussed with provincial authorities, and despite some accounting the

with provincial authorities, and despite some reservations he feit the plan should proceed provided there was discrimination against South African teachers. It was important to ensure that the principles of "Christian pationalism" em-"Christian nationalism" em-bodied in the South African education system were not endangered.

He added that to win pro-motion teachers recruited abroad would have to learn Afrikaans.

Mr Ballard said that despite the difficulties the plan should go ahead as it would enrich the whole system."

"If a desperate situation requires some extra means they should be employed.

should be employed to get the teachers here. There is a great need for them."

## US seeks support over Cuban intervention

David Spanier plomatic Correspondent American policy towards El dvador has been clarified in irther contacts between State epartment officials and the preign Office yesterday. The lks were a follow-up to last sek's visit of Mr Lawrence igleburger, the designated sistant Secretary for Europe. The main American objective, cording to Mr Herman Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of ate, is to mobilize inter-tional support against Cuban tervention in El Salvador, upled with a renewed attempt o promote a dialogue between

Mr Cohen said in London yesday that the Administration uld be particularly pleased Mrs Margaret Thatcher clared foreign intervention El Salvador to be unaccept-le. The situation in El Salvar will, in fact, be one of the tin subjects discussed during agan at the White House norrow, it emerged yester-

democratic forces in El

in the usual assessment in

people feel the

Government has lost its popular base," he said. "We feel it retains it. There is a considerretains it. There is a considerable amount of support from democratic elements." While admitting that the Government had "narrowed", Mr Coben cited younger Army officers and civilians who held democratic views, and said that President Duarte had legitimacy conferred on him by his previous election.

In the American view, the El Salvador regime is pursuing a constructive programme, includ-ing land reform with its direct help to the peasants and wide economic and social develop-ment, in the difficult circumstances of attacks from the extreme right and extreme left. Accordingly, these democratic forces deserved support.

The Foreign Office is study-ing the mass of documentation supplied by the Americans on Cuban involvement, in prepara-tion of the talks in Washington.

We want to make sure that the true picture is known". Mr Cohen added, explaining the purpose of his mission. "he pressure against Wr Cohen left no doubt that outside intervention should be United States was taking a splied in the right direction, sch more positive view of the esent regime in El Salvador was not the United States which was intervening militarily, he said, though noting that no options were closed.

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#### **Freeks** turn way oviet navy

om Morio Modiaro hens, Feb 24 A state-controlled Greek ship-d whose ship repair arrange-nts with the Soviet Union ised raised eyebrows in to and Washington in Sep-nber, 1979, is now offering Russians a renewed agree-ing for 1981 on condition that will exclude Soviet naval oply vessels.

The original agreement ned between Neorion ship-rd on the Aegean island of ros, and Sudoimport, a Soviet ite organization, provided for pair of both merchant ships d unarmed fleet supply

The arrangement angered to because it enabled the viet Union to extend the tour duty of auviliary vessels of Soviet fleet in the Mediterrean, which would otherwise ve ben forced to go to Black a yards for repairs . At the time differences had sen over the militory reinte-

stion of Greece in the Nato iance. Momentarily it was spected that the shipyard reement was a ploy to exert assur eon the West, but it ame clear later that com-rcial considerations had tivated the Greeks. Under the earlier agreement, orion Shippard received for pairs about a dozen Soviet

ps of which two or three re fleet supply vessels. They re admitted after the green ht was given by the Greek fence Ministry. fence Ministry.

In view of Naro's reactions. en Greece rejoined the mili-y arm of the alliance last

tober, it was decided not to idmit Soviet naval supply isels for repairs. sels for repairs.
The Soviet organization has an told that the renewal will valid only for merchant ps. The Russians have not icealed their displeasure, but ir reply is still awaited.

#### In brief

## overloaded

Nairobi Feb 24.-Tanzanian

Managua, Feb 24.-At least

Train crash kills three

Bangkok, Feb 24.—Three people were killed and at least even injured when a Bangkokbound passenger train was derailed in the southern Thai province of Surat Thani yester-

Tokyo, Feb 24.—One person was killed and several others injured when an engine room boiler in the 1,700-ton Japanese destroyer Yukikaze exploded while the ship was on a test run at the entrance to Tokyo Bay.

### lomb wired to ANC car

of TNT, was wired to at the weekend

om Our Correspondent lisbury, Feb 24 A bomb was discovered in a lisbury suburb under a car longing to the representative re of the African National ngress, the nationalist organion banned in South Africa, lice have disclosed.

The device is believed to
The bomb, made up of about have been placed under the car
lb of TNT

explode if the car was moved. a police spokesman said. The car, belonging to Mr Joel Gcabi, was parked in the garage of a house occupied by a family who have left South Africa. Mr Gcabi left Salisbury last week and has not returned

## UN plane was

Nairobi ,Feb 24.—Tanzanian aviation authorities said a light aircraft which crashed on December 5, killing 10 people, including eight senior United Nations officials, was overloaded. Pilot error, broken instruments, and bad weather were also cited as reasons for the crash.

Eight shot dead

four police and four English-speaking separatists died after speaking separates of gunfire in Nicaragua's eastern province of Zelaya, a high-ranking govern-ment official said.

Boiler explodes

Korchnoi gambit

Hongkong, Feb 24.—Viktor Korchnoi, the exiled Soviet grand-master, said here that he is to lead an international chess team on a tour of China next month. next month.

Rocket blows up

Stuttgart, Feb 24.-A United States military transporter carrying a rocket caught fire and blew up outside the village of Sechselberg near here. No

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## renews doubts over Hayden role

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, Feb 24 The weekend's three byelection results have focused attention not so much to the Government's triumph, but more on the poor performance

of the Labour Party. Labour polled badly in all three, even though it increased its percentage of the vote in Curtin, the Western Australian seat. The explanation of Mr William Hayden, the Labour leader, that the Liberals did so. well in the other two seats simply because they spent significantly more money has a thin ring to it. It has been said

many times before and it was not mentioned by Mr Hayden during the campaigns.

Inevitably, the question of the Labour leadership has yet again been brought up, even before the vote-counting had been completed. Many pundus are now wondering whether Mr. Robert Hawke, the former union leader, is going to make his bid for the Labour leadership before the 1983 general election.

Already, within a day of the by-elections, it is being widely suggested that now would be as good a time as any for Mr Hawke to do so

The arguments are well worn, but convincing. For many years, according to the Opinion polls, Mr Hawke has been the most respected and popular political figure in the country. He has hitherto been hampered the fact that he was not officially a politician, but more a trouble-shooter during his 10 years as president of the Australian Council of the Trade

Last year he made his decision to enter politics and gained pre-selection for the safe Labour seat of Wills, in a working class area of Mel-bourne, and he subsequently, entered Parliament at the

October election.

He has since been appointed

Labour's spokesman on indus-trial relations.

Mr Hawke is dynamic, re-spected, tough and charismatic. As union president, he was seen as something of a magician because of his ability to settle

Mr Hayden, on the other hand, has been something of a disappointment. Although no disappointment. Although no one has questioned his intelligence or his integrity, his problem is that he lacks appeal. It is hard to argue that Lebour would be worse off with Mr Hawke as leader and an increasing number of Labour members and supporters seem to think he could defeat Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, in 1983.

There seems to be no doubt that if Mr Hayden lost the 1983 election, Mr Hawke would take over as party leader, but there is increasing feeling that to wait until then is pointiess.

From Our Correspondent Hougkong, Feb 24 Philippine Air Force jet fighters were blamed for a

## Poll setback | Canadian Tory leader accuses Mr Trudeau of trickery over patriation of constitution

Ottawa, Feb 24

Mr Joe Clark, Leader of the Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons, last night accused Mr Pierre Trudeau's Government of using trickery to achieve its goal of bringing home the Canadian constitution from Britain.

Mr Clark gave warning that if the Prime Minister gets his way the result would be a permanent residue of bitterness, particularly in western Canada, where all the provinces are against it.
"The result will have us look-

ing around to the breaking of the confederation and perhaps the breaking of the nation itself", he said. He was speaking in a Com-

mons debate on a controversial resolution calling on Britain to resolution calming on briain to surrender control over the British North American Act of 1867, Canada's constitution, after attaching an amending formula and a bill of rights. Only about half the 102 Tory members sat in on the speech. That could be an ill omen for the youthful Mr Clark's chances of surviving an imminent leader-

ship test.
Delegares to a party General meeting in Ottawa this weekend will be asked whether they favour holding a full leadership convention. If half of them say yes, Mr. Clark must either step aside or face having to fight other candidates for his job.



Mr Joe Clark: Confederation

His main speech on the constitution was addressed to the 2,000 Tories whose votes could much as to the country at large. It was a good, sound speech, quite well argued, but lacking in fire.

He rejected as "simply absurd" that the federal system in Canada did not work. "There have been times, of course, when it prevented one man from getting his way" he added, looking sternly at Mr Trudeau across the aisle. "But that'h its virtue. . . . Our system

of Government-does work whenever reasonable leaders and Governments permit it to-

He questioned whether the procedure being used by the federal Government was legitimate-" whether it is legitimate to have one part of the partner-ship use trickery to change the rules of the whole partnership, against the wishes of the

"No one who travels in the west today can ignore the sense of grievance there or the de-gree to which that sense of grievance will be aggrevated if both provinces are given second class status under our constitu-

"When all of the parties and Governments of the west and all of the provincial parties of Quebec stand together and all of the provincial parties of Quebec stand together against a measure with the determination that we have seen, only the blind would believe that anger will pass

Canada's four provinces all oppose Mr Trudeau's constitutional initiative, as do four of the other six provinces,

Under the amending formula proposed by Mr Trudeau, the two central provinces, Ontario and Quebec, would enjoy a permanent veto over future constitutional change. The other provinces would have a veto only in certain conditions.

## President Obote urged | More people to curb army violence

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Feb 24

Mr Paul Semogerere, the Ugandan opposition leader, has urged President Milton Obote to ensure better control of the Ugandan Army, which has been accused of killing and harassing civilians after recent attacks on police stations by two underground groups which say they want to overthrow Dr Obote.

Mr Semogerere and a dele-gation from his Democratic Party spent two hours in talks with Dr Obote at State House, Entebbe. They are said to have had frank and free exchanges on security, agreeing that the recent attacks are not a popular uprising but the work of a small group of lawless elements.

Uganda radio said Mr Semo-gerere pledged his support to the Obote government in overcoming a threat to security, but esked for specific instances of army excesses to be investigated.

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recent attack on three Hong-kong fishing junks which were anchored in international waters about 200 miles west of Manila. 10 members of the crew and Six bombs were dropped in low-dive attacks but only one his

low-dive attacks but only one hit. junks were fishing in sampans a junk. It did hot explode, but some distance from the made a hole in the hull. Two-attacked vessels. After working overnight to

Mospod claims to be associated with the Uganda Patriotic Movement, a political party which contested the December elections and whose president, Mr Yoweri Museveni, has disappeared since the attacks.

The Sudanese authorities say about 5,000 Ugandans have recently crossed into southern Sudan to escape from the excesses of Ugandan soldiers who have been killing and harassing civilians in areas near the border.

Community talks: Ministers from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda met in Kampala today to reopen discussions on the division of assets and liabilities of the East African Community, which collapsed in 1977 after disagreements between its

disagreements between its three member states.

Presidents of the three countries, who met in Kampala last month, agreed to speed up efforts to unscramble the complicated finances of the community. Dr Viktor Umbricht, a Swiss mediator, has prepared recommendations, under which Two underground groups, the recommendations, under which Uganda Freedom Movement Kenya would be required to (UFM) and the Movement of pay large sums to the other the Struggle for Political Rights two countries; but Kenya is

government vessels, usually manned by a crew of 12 who would collaborate with the refugees after rebelling against the two Hanoi officers in com-Manila jets blamed for attack on junks mand. There are between 4,000 and 5,000 of these patrolling vessels along the coast.

The average price for escape is 6,000 dongs (£1,200) which the refugee spokesman said had taken him years of hard labour to acquire, as the average worker carned only about 55 dongs a month signal bout home to Hongkong escorted by The attack was made on Thursday but the junks did not reach Hongkong until Monday morning.

Hongkong marine police are still examining the junk but it is taken for granted that the fighters belonged to the Philipof which was needed for rationed food and upkeep. "Life is not worth living in Victnam today", he added.

## flee from Vietnam

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, Feb 24

Recent arrivals in Hongkong from Vietnam say that there will be a renewed flow of refugees because of serious food shortages and military conscrip-

A total of 452 " boat people " have arrived since the beginning of this year, twice as many as in the same period of last year.

Vietnamese authorities have tightened the surveillance of the escape routes, but members of a group of 70 who arrived yesterday, said that living conditions and food rations have deteriorated so sharply that Vietnamese families will risk their lives to escape.

Eastern European military personnel have already been diverted from Kampuchea to prevent refugees from crossing the northern border into China. Many local officials in that area have been accepting bribes. One of the refugees said that escapers would begin seizing

rent and rates. But since the rebates are proportional, she has to meet part of

The many attempts to find a solution to the problem of over-specialization have failed, not least because alternative schemes have been too arcane to capture the public imagination. By contrast the proposal which is at present being considered by the education ministers is at root so blindingly simple that no A-level parent should find any difficulty in having an coinion about it. For physics and chemistry the proportions are considerably higher.

Removing the question marks over Alevel has made it easier to think clearly about the "half-A" or intermediate level proposal. It is no longer a matter of introducing a controversial package of new most an opinion about it.

It is that instead of following the present orthodoxy of three A-levels, sixth formers in schools and colleges should be offered the alternative of two A-levels and two

Social Focus

Worth examining, these new ideas

"half-A-levels". They could then have four, instead of three subjects as a pre-paration for higher education, business and

paration for higher education, business and the professions. Three of the subjects could continue to be closely related—maths, physics and chemistry for example. Those applying to universities would still have the two A-levels that are generally named as the requirement for their course.

The third related subject would still be taken well beyond O-level. And there would be a fourth subject which could be something quite different, such as a

The great advantage of this idea is that

it requires no tampering with A-level. It was because previous schemes involved replacing A-level with something less rigorous that they foundered. As it was,

this tried and trusted examination had

itself begun to appear inadequate. From the university point of view in particular it was not just a matter of preserving A-level but of restoring its falling reputa-

The loss of confidence in A-level had

The loss of confidence in A-level had arisen largely because the innovations of the late Sixties and early Seventies had gone too far. Analyses by the Royal Society in mathematics and science subjects showed that the syllabuses of the various examining boards had disturbingly little in common. Consequently, many of those entering universities and polytechnics had not covered the basic ground

nics had not covered the basic ground which was necessary to ensure that they could get off to a good start in their degree studies.

During the past few years a great deal

has been done to restore coherence to

has been done to restore coherence to A-level. The examining boards are now very conscious of the importance of incorporating a common core of material in the A-level syllabuses of the major subjects and this will make life easier for many young people. After all, nearly 60 per cent of those, who pass A-level Maths go to universities alone, never mind the additional numbers going to polytechnics. For physics and chemistry the proportions

modern language.

examinations which would leave most people bewildered, but rather of introducing a modest element of flexibility which could gain acceptance gradually and so writing here in a personal capacity.

for sixth formers bring about changes, in the time honoured

> When the Department of Education and Science issued its Green Paper, Examinations 16-18 last October it was very concerned that the universities and the employers would give their support to the intermediate-level proposal. Both have done so. The CBI has supported the idea and the universities have been more prepared to welcome it than any other such privosal in the past 30 years. In addition, the examining boards are confident that they could make it work in

The one misfortune is that the I-level scheme has come to the fore at a time of antiery over staffing cuts. It is an armosphere in which some representatives of the schools are unlikely to be well disposed to new ideas to belp the more able, particularly as there are now con-siderable numbers of non-A level sixth formers for whom something different is needed. So they could well be tempted to dismiss the proposal as irrelevant and at best only worth considering as a trade-off for the injection of more money.

To take this view would be to magnify the problem. Obviously the scope for teaching for the new examination would vary from school to school, depending on the resources available. But it would be very surprising if any school were totally incanable of introducing any intermediate level courses. After all it could well be possible to do the teaching jointly with A-level work and this could prove to be a more economical use of teachers. In any case we are talking about bow the sixth form curriculum will look in three or four years' time when the staffing situation may be very different.

The great danger is that recriminations about expenditure cuts could obscure constructive thinking about what is best for sixth formers and for the country in the longer run. Another short step and this serious educational question could be reduced to the level of political rhetoric. That would be the end of the proposal and it would be a sorry reason for keeping our most able young people in an unnecessary straitjacket.

Arthur Hearnden

## Why Wandsworth pensioners are angry about these unkind cuts

Pensioners in Wandsworth are seeking ! meeting with Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, to protest at the way cuts in services will affect them.

The Manifesto for Change which was issued last week by 32 distinguished public

figures including Lord Butler of Saffron Walden is timely in emphasizing that quality is what is important in schools. The declaration makes many wise observations but ar one point implies that quality

is somehow incompatible with examina-

tions. It is true that examinations can distort the curriculum but it would be rash

to deduce from this that they are a bad

to deduce from this that they are a bad thing in themselves. At the sixth form level above all they are vital and they are closely associated with the idea of quality. The main problem is narrowness of interests and the best way to solve this is by using the examination system in a constructive way.

Ever since A-levels replaced the Higher School Certificate 30 years ago we have

School Certificate 30 years ago we have had an over-specialized curriculum in our sixth forms. This was not the result that

the change was meant to bring about but it has turned our to be the price we pay for enabling students to graduate from our

universities after only three years' study. Such a uniquely swift progression has only been possible by virtue of standards set by first-rate teaching in sixth forms and Universities. There is a purposefulness about it for which we are greatly envied elsewhere in Europe and which it is inventible to the property to preserve.

important to preserve.

But the price need not be so high. It really ought not to be so difficult to encourage young people to be rather more catholic in their interests. Quite apart from its wider implications the question is urgent in commercial terms. The British

Overseas Trade Board has recently been

emphasizing its concern at the neglect of foreign languages among our most able young, people. Many business leaders agree, in the belief that greater ability to

communicate would equip us to compete more forcefully in some of our overseas

markets.

The many attempts to find a solution to

an opinion about it.

They are angry, not simply because a number of services on which they have relied are being cut, but because of the insensitive way they say they are being carried out. For example, the council closed down a slipper bath which had been used by pensioners living in bed-sitters and those who were afraid of running up fuel bills to hear enough water for baths at home They were told they could use their free bus passes to go to another borough where slipper baths

The Conservatives, who took control in 1978, promised in their manifesto to expand luncheon clubs for old people, yet five out of the ten are due to be closed by April. Again, pensioners have been told to use their bus passes to go to one that remains open.

The hours of amenities like the public library are also being reduced, so pen sioners can no longer use them as much as they used to as quiet and warm places as they used to as quier and warm places to pass a few bours. The number and hours of public lavatories, holidays and day trips for the elderly are being cut, while the services that remain cost them more. Meals have gone up from 5½p to 40p—four times the increase planned in 1978.

Such services may seem unimportant to some councillors, but to pensioners struggling with rising rents, rates and fuel bills, they represent a real reduction in living standards. They fear, too, that reductions in the home help service, the gardening and window cleaning service, and of social service staff helping the frail elderly at home will precipitate them into residential homes or genatric hospitals at greater cost to the community. Alice Regan, aged 79, who was born in Wandsworth, worked until she was 65 and now has a small civil service pension on top of her state pension. She pays income tax, but receives rebates on her

the extra cost herself and can get no help with her heating bills.

"People just over the margin are penalized", she said. "We are reduced to begging after working all our lives. There is no encouragement to get a higher standard of living." The Wandsworth Pensioners' conference,

which meets regularly, carried out a survey earlier this year which found that 57 per cent of pensioners did not have enough money for hearing bills, and a quarter could meet neither their rent nor food bills without going without another essen-But Sylvia Campbell, aged 69, who suffers from arthritis and cares for the

daily needs of a helpless friend aged 93, had her own hom It will mean eventually that she will have to give up one of the two old people's clubs she also helps to run. It must be cheaper, she said, to give a proper home help service than take old people into homes.

The feelings of pensioners are mirrored by the attitudes of senior social services staff, whose morale is low. They feel that cuts are being imposed without thought to priorities, and that the social services will be reduced to dealing only with crises. One children's home head told me:

"They are simply cutting by numbers.
They do not care what the effects on the services are, or that children it has taken months to build up a relationship with are now insecure again, wondering if they can stay in their present home or even with their brothers and sisters."

What distresses the staff most is that Wandworth has gradually built up a good service from a relatively low base in the past few years, with room for development, innovation and prevention work. It had become a borough where good staff were attracted from elsewhere.

But the cuts are of such a scale that staff feel they are being pushed into a "barricade mentality of social work" where even essential services will be maintained with difficulty. Such comments are usual when any service feels threatened, but they are endorsed by outsiders in this Margaret Robinson, head of the social

Health: is insurance the answer?

work course at Chelsea College, believes the decision to close down the social ser-vices training department at Wandsworth will have wide implications across Viest

Dr E. Meltzer, a consultant psychiatrist attached part-time to the Bolingbroke day centre for the mentally ill, believes its impending closure has already caused two psychiatric hospital. Further unnecessary admissions will follow, so will more suicide attempts and an increase in mental illness in the borough, he said.

The closure of the centre will reduce to

35 the day places available in Wandsworth, although guidelines laid down by the Department of Health and Social Security suggest the borough needs 152. It is being closest, according to Mr Edward Lister, has been underused and because of the need for overall cuts.

The social services budget for 1981-82 is to be cut by £2.4 million, about 9 per cent according to official council calculations Officers argue that it is nearer to 12 per cent, but both figures contrast with the Government projection of a 1 per

nt growth figure for next year. Mr Lister says Wandsworth is treating departments equally in the face of cuts of between £7 to £8 million in the borough's rate support grant and the massive increase in rates that will flow from that and from the increase in the precept for the Inner London Education Authority.

He purs the other side of the argument: are being closed because they were underused, while the extra charges for meals will still not cover their cost and will be ling lower than elsewhere in London. The social services training department is being closed because it is an expensive opera-tion, but the central training department will continue.

But the department has notched un one victory in its composion against the cuts. Mr Lister accepts that the assessment centre at Earlsfield children's home is successful and will be continued, but it another setting.

Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

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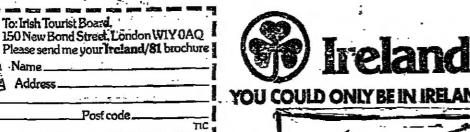
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Despite the enthusiasm of Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Health, ministers now accept that no legislation providing for any radical refinancing of the National Health Service will be possible in this Parliament.
The timetable now involves discussion document later

commitment to an alternative scheme for the next election. For both ministers and civil servants have learnt that the closer other countries' systems of health insurance are examined, the more difficult in becomes to find a way of graft-ing such a system into the existing NHS without damaging the often unsung virtues of the present system which ministers ire adamant they wish to main-

the Health Service have re-ceded into the middle distance.

What is being sought now is ideas. A Department of Health and Social Security working party is examining what one

the medical journals and the lay

The Department of Health, however, seems no nearer de-signing even an outline in-surance-based system that would be tax concessions on

stands a real chance of raising extra funds for the NHS with-out swallowing them in extra bureaucracy than it was when the Tories took office. A recent background paper

put to ministers is full of ques-tions about what would be practicable or desirable, but it is notable for a lack of answers, and the statement that it will be some years before conclu-sions can be drawn on how the this year or early next, a public debate and possibly a manifesto existing system can be modified. The situation is complicated by the fact that ministers want a broad consensus over any geriatric care an change they introduce, being cally ill to be f determined to avoid creating the general taxation.

sort of political football that pensions became in the 1960s and early 1970s, with all the uncertainty that would create. Given the Labour Party's com-mitment to a tax-based NHS, such consensus is hard to en-In essence there seems to be only two real possibilities. One

is tinkering with the existing balance between the private and public sectors to the former's advantage, so that extra money civil servant has dubbed "Heinz goes into health care by volun-57"—the wide variety of tary private insurance. The civil servant has dubbed "Heint 57"—the wide variety of methods, largely insurance-based, by which other countries finance their health care.

Ideas are being drawn from the Centre for Policy Studies, and an eager eye is kept on any signs of a debate about alternative methods in universities, and the law to be a private beds on contract, to lease unused facilities to the private sector. NHS is being encouraged to use private beds on contract, to lease unused facilities to the private sector, to undertake joint planning, joint purchasing and

even joint management

insurance sector, which has already almost doubled in size in two years and now covers more than 3.5 million people. That course the Government

could well adopt, The other alternative is a switch to full-blown statebacked Compulsory insurance, covering perhaps family doctor and acute hospital services, leaving the mentally-ill and handicapped, geriatric care and the chroni-cally ill to be financed from

Such a system brings with premiums, and of assessing them when perhaps 40 per cent of the population—the young, the old, the chronically ill and the pregnant—would not pay. It would also bring the problem of controlling costs, something that has bedevilled vir-tually every insurance-based system in the past decade. Betting within the Department of Health is 70-30 against the idea being adopted.

To introduce it ministers have found, somewhat to their horror, that a fundamental change would be needed in the way the NHS handles its.

The current system, designed to give broad budgetary control and to stop people putting and to stop people putting their hands in the till, cannot in general provide costings for individual operations, proindividual operations, pro-cedures and courses of treat-ment. Such information would

an insurance-based system. would then have a much clearer idea of what the treatment they give an individual in actually costs.

To remedy a situation in significant the control of th

for example, prescribed drugs costing £1 million a year witha joint DHSS NHS working, party is studying ways of providing data on day-to-day costs Ministers are planning to set charges for NHS pay beds in hands related to a hospital's actual costs-rather than al present relating them it whether the bed is in a teaching hospital or not. This, ministers 5 believe, would make consultants with private practice more aware of the charges they had to make. It would encoured them to be a few or them to be a few or the charges th them to keep them competitive with neighbouring hospitals. position that could have " knock-on effect on the costs NHS beds in which the sant, services are provided Such approaches could we

lead to better value for mones and this with greater cos awareness is one of the drivin forces encouraging ministers took at insurance based system With health spending 1 Britain already running above 119,000m a year, it may turout that the question to be asked is not how do we rain extra money for the NHS. I introducing a system the hen fits of which cannot be guaran teed, but how do we spend the massive sum of money better

- Nicholas Timmin

## BSC gets last chance as Government backs 'optimistic' proposals

The British Steel Corporation is to The Eritish Steel Corporation is to be given a last chance to become profitable. Sir Keith 1986pt. Secretary of State for industry, taid in a statement. He amounted that the Government was to support the corporate plan schmitted to it by Mr lan MacGregor, the corporation chairman. man.
Under the plan, which Mr
MacGregor admits is optimistic,
the corporation would break even
by 1982-83.

by 1982-32.

Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, NorthEast, C) said: No one in the
House can welcome the position
in which much of the steel industry fiods itself. It has been
nationalized, of the steel and
renationalized. It has been encouraged by governments to carry
out unrealistic investment programm.es. The Labour party refused to allow BSC to close surplus
steel capacity. Its worlforce went
on a three months long strike.

Now the market has collapsed Now the market has collapsed and the high value of sterling has created serious difficulties for private and public steel firms alikebere and in Europe.

BSC, which should have been allowed to contract gradually by the last Labour Covernment, cut the last Labour Government, cut manifed steelmaking capacity from 21.5 million tonnes of liquid steel to 15 million and shed 50,000 jobs in 1980. Works were closed and manifing levels slimmed to raise

maniaing levels slimmed to raise productivity.

A report by BSC on its plans has been published today. The aim is for BSC to become intertationally competitive. Mr MacGregor has reorganized the corporation into separate businesses, each responsible for the production and marketing of a specific product range. He is planning a manned capacity of 14.4 million tonnes of liquid steel annually but is committed, if the assumptions behind the plan are not sustained, to remuted, if the assumptions behind the plan are not sustained, to retime the Corporation to a size that the corporation to a size that the in fact make a profit.

BSC's results will depend not refly on its own performance but it factors such as exchange rates, the European market and any upiter in steel ordering in the United kingdom. Mr MacGregor admirs that his plan is optimistic and I think he is right.

He has made it clear to Govern-

He has made it clear to Govern-nent and to the managers and vorkforce of the corporation that here will be no future for any perations that are not comped-

ESC has asked the Government c, or an extra f150m in 1980-81 of ringing the total external finance stequirement to £1,121m and for 730m in 1981-82.

This is huge money for tax-ayers if find, particularly when assubsidised private sector steel impanies, some in competition ith BSC, face extreme diffi-ulties. The Government is greatly incorrect about the impact of the European steel pression plus

te European steel recession plus SC's vigorous marketing on vivate firms. therefore recently authorized C to negotiate viable joint ivate companies with those firms hose operations overlapped its wn. Agreement on one such ompany, Allied Steel and Wire, as announced on Friday. Transional arrangements for some of the assets of Duport Steel were anounced yesterday.

Setting up more joint companies kes time and will not entirely ral with the problem of comition between BSC and the livate sector. I have stressed to r MacGregor that BSC must impete fairly with private firms in have pointed to widespread implaints that BSC is unfairly idercutting private firms. He replies that BSC and private ms' urices have increasingly he reputes that BSC and private ms' prices have increasingly en undercut by other EEC process. The corporation has therere had to price down. The ivate sector has had to do the

Mr MacGreor has further underken personally to investigate any ecific alleagtions of unfair tring that are put to him by mpanies or by MPs. I have ked Under-Secretary of State fr Michael Marshall) to monitor ese complaints and to report to

Vater workers

le Prime Minister was invited to

ake a U-turn over her policy of

eating unemployment, but re-

ied, during questions, that to

the inflation was the best way to

r Christopher Price (Lewisham,

est. Lab) stated: Now that, in spect of the coal industry, Mrs

hatcher has doffed the gloves of

ie Iron Maiden and put on those

a jelly baby, will she make a

milar U-turn over her policy of

'eating unemployment and answer

e question she refused to answer

hen faced with it a few weeks ago

her friend Mr Brian Walden,

ad tell us what level of unemploy-

ent will finally force her to a

rs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley,

1: I give the same reply as that

bich I gave on that occasion: To

r Derek Walker-Smith (East ertfordshire, C): As the claim of e water and sewerage workers il be commanding her attention,

Il be commanding her attender,
It Mrs Thatcher, in any Governent influence or intervention in
e matter, have regard to the
erics of the matter and not to
traneous considerations?

Will she confirm that ministers

will see confirm that ministers, ving for reasons we understand, it picked up the gauntlet thrown win by the miners, will resist any mptation to prove their achismo by taking a robust view this small but less powerful oup, which does valuable work?

rs Thatcher: I understand that e employers in the water innextry are meeting soon and the 
tion shortly. On the merits of 
at cloin, many in this country 
ould like a job of that security 
gether with some of the increase 
tich has already been offered to 
em.

I hope that those who press for other rises will bear in mind that

e money has to come from many tizens who do not have that in-

The water authorities have been

ost cooperative and most have duced the water rate substantial-

from the levels they had envi-

ged and are to be congratulated

Ir Michael Foot, Leader of the position (Ebbw Vale, Lab): I ge her to be her normal pragma-c interventionist self in the crisis

the water industry.

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And, in order to make BSC's operations more transparent, and to pave the way for further privitization, Mr MacGreoger has agreed to consider placing those BSC businesses which are in competition with the private sector in separate Companies Act companies

separate companies Act companies.

Mr MacGregor has said that by
all normal commercial criteria
BSC is hankrupt, Because BSC is
a statutory body it cannot be
liquidated like a private sector
company and the Government and
taxpayers cannot therefore at
present escape from funding BSC.

Mr MacGregor has developed a present escape from funding BSC.

Mr MacGregor has developed a plan which could bring BSC back to profitability by making it as efficient as its European competitors. Recognizing that BSC should be given a last chance to become profitable and cease to burden the taxpayer the Government is prepared, on condition that the corporation behaves responsibly towards the unsubsidized private steelmakers, to approve BSC's corporate plan and to provide the finance needed to implement it.

BSC's target is to reduce its loss before interest from an estimated £480m in 1980-81 to £225m in 1981-82 and to achieve break-even in 1982-83. We shall increase BSC's external financial limit for 1980-81 to £1,121m and have set its EFL for 1981-82 at £730m. These large figures reflect BSC's substantial though reduced losses, but also provide for heavy redundancy and closure costs and a limit programme of essential capital expenditure.

I must also emphasize that, if

must also emphasize that, if I must also emphasize that, it for macGregor's optimism is not justified, further closures and redundancies may be necessary. The Government will monitor progress closely in each of BSC's businesses. Mr MacGregor will give us his assessment of progress by July.

ns his assessment of progress by July.

To implement these decisions some changes in the law are needed and I have today published the Iron and Steel Bill, 1981. This amends the Iron and Steel Act, 1975, to ease the transfer of businesses to the private sector and to permit an extensive rundown of the corporation if that proves necessary.

the corporation if that proves necessary.

We also need to deal with the mistakes of the past. The Bill will write off some £3,500m of BSC's capital immediately, will provide a power to write off a further £1,000m later and will make consequential adjustments to the corporation's borrowing limit. This does not represent the commitment of additional funds; it marks the huge cost to the taxmarks the huge cost to the taxpayer of over-ambitious, centrally directed investments and the un-competitive use of many of them.

The Government does not intend to alter the assisted area status of any steel closure area at this time but we do not underestimate the problems for the communities and people concerned. I shall, if necessary, consider whether any regrading would be appropriate. regrading would be appropriate.

We shall also seek to ensure that market conditions in Europe are improved. The production quotas imposed under Article 58 of the Treaty of Paris expire on June 30 and we are already discussing with our Community partners the measures to replace them. We intend to ensure that reductions in capacity are equitably shared among the members of the Community and that, so far as possible short term market

far as possible, short term market conditions do not invalidate long term commercial objectives.

The financial provisions we propose will require approval from the European Commission.

The Government may have had the conditions the contraction of the contrac to spend tarpayers' money this time, but we are seeking powers to relieve the taxpayer of the in-escapable obligation to fund BSC escapable onngation to runt as-indefinitely. The Government in-tends the competition the private sector faces from BSC to be fair and we expect more public/private steel firms to be created which steel firms to be created which will be in the private sector.

It is a tough time for all who work in the steel industry. There can be no guarantee of survival. But for those who are or who become competitive there is far more hope of a secure and prosperons future than for those who do not become competitive.

the best way to improve East-West relations was for Russia to with-

the best way to improve east-west relations was for Russia to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan. She urged that in looking at Mr Brezhnev's speech, they should remember it would suit the Soviet Union to have a moratorium on nuclear weapons when their deployment of them was far greater than that of the West. Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) asked: In preparing to visit President Reagan tomorrow (Wednesday), will she urge him to make a positive response to Mr Brezhnev, knowing that there is anxiety throughout the country among all shades of political opinion about the heightening of East-West tension.

The most constructive thing that could be done would be to secure a summit conference on the lines he suggested.

suggested.

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley,
C): President Reagan will be looking carefully at the speech, as we
are. The best way to improve EastWest relations is not by speeches
but by withdrawing troops from
Afghanistan.

Afghanistan. Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): May we assume that, in visiting the

# Concern on both sides over impact on private sector

our Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on industry, (Salford, West, Lub), questioning Sir Kelch Joseph on the statement, said: We welcome the proposals as far as they go. The statement must be set against the current economic and industrial background which the Government has done much to create—low demand, high interest rates, the level of the pound and energy costs—which has had a devastating effect on the steel industry, public and private sector.

work people and management. This corporate plan was not an agreed plan between the steel unions and the management. If he wants the cooperation of the unions he has a duty to see that Mr McGregor and the steel board consult proporty with them.

Mr McGregor and the steel board consult properly with them.
What action will he take to protect the British steel industry from undair subsidized competition from many of our European competiors, not least West Germany? Further privatization, if he proposes through this device to sell off BSC companies which have become profitable, will be against the interests of the taxpayer.
The taxpayer will have invested in the industry and then The taxpayer will have invested in the industry and then that investment, if profitable, will be taken away. Is July a feasible time by which Mr MacGregor can report? We are already two months behind the proposed time-

Sir Keith Joseph: The use of the capital is shown in the published plan. It is true some assets of Duport bave been bought by the

public sector but only transitionally until the hoped-for mized, almost entirely as a result of the policies of this Government. If that company were not to be formed Duport's assets acquired by BSC could not be sold to it and they would be sold on the market.

There is figree competition within the EEC. That is what is being discussed under Article 58. Not all of that competition is substidized.

He spoke about the taxpayer's interest in any company that might be sold from the BSC to the private sector. To the extent that part of BSC is privatized the bax-

on the steel industry, public and private sector.

Today we have had the dreadful news of the proposed closure of the Lianelli works with all that involves for many thousands of steel workers in the area.

He has announced how the capital is to be used. What about the current money for running the steel industry? What about the possibility of investment? What he said about denationalization was extraordinary. With the Duport proposal he is nationalizing at present.

survey, c.): This statement interactions will be comment on the concern that many in the independent sector of the steel industry feel that the BSC will be judge and jury in the case of subsidized competition against them? Will be ensure that monitoring by his department is tough and effective? Sir Keith Joseph: Mr MacGregor has assured me he does not intend there should be unfair competition. If any cases are taken to him and not satisfactorily resolved he has agreed that will be brought to the Under Secretary for Industry (Mr Marshall) who has had 17 years' experience in private sector steel.

The results will be communicated The results will be communicated to the BSC. Mr Marshall will not have the role of arbitrator but that of conciliator.

Mr Patrick Dulty (Sheffield, At-tercliffe, Lab): In the case of my constituency in the east end of Sheffield his announced funding of BSC will be taken as a vote of confidence in some of the best and most technologically advanced steel plant in the world, notably the £140m stainless steel development. Elsewhere in my consti-tuency, in the private steel sector, firms like Firth Brown and Had-fields and Aurora and Duport's local representative, Flather Bright

sectors.

Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Scunthorpe, C): Will be note that some 8,000 jobs have been lost in the steel lodustry in my constituency but take the opportunity today to remind those of my constituents who might delude and deceive themselves that his announcement today guarantees them a future?

announcement today guarantees them a future?
Will he point out to them how important it is that they have to recognize the fall-off in demand for their product?
What will the Government and the BSC need to see happen in July to determine whether today's statement, will hold water posthe of the view that the plan

having to be carried out repre-sent to individuals, families and I doubt whether there is any incertainty among those who work in the steel industry, private or public, about the seriousness of the need for every effort to become internationally competitive.

Mr MacGregor himself regards his plan as optimistic. I believe he is right. That only makes it the more important for every group involved to struggle to be competitive.

Even when firms

and sectors of BSC succeed in raising their competitiveness, marker conditions may still be such, because of lower demand all over Europe and gross overcapacity to which BSC has contributed enormously in the past, as to defeat their purpose.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L): If Sir Keith Joseph believes the process of nationalization, denationalization and nationalization are one of the root causes of the trouble, why does he think yet another dose of the same medicine will improve the situation? rion?
The statement indicates that the The statement indicates that the international value of the pound is one of the problems. Why does the Government not pursue a policy which will produce a more intelligent value of the currency? Sir Keith Joseph: It is nationalization that is the problem. If Mr Penhaligon, or the party to which he belongs has a magic method of controlling the rate of the pound that would not do more harm than good, then doubtless he will let the House know. know.
Mr Peter Emery (Houiton, C):
He will gain support for the programme he has put before us but
it is with a heavy heart for many

Would be therefore tell the House, if it is an optimistic figure that there will be losses of £480m and £285m in the next two years Is he of the view that the plan of the MacGregor proposals is too optimistic or not?

Sir Keith Joseph: The whole House respects the degree of hardship and bitter disappointment that the redundancies that have been carried out and are and £285m in the next two years—and the most optimistic forecasts in the steel industry have proved wrong—what are the pessimistic figures, so that we can know the worst we might have to suffer, and not just the best? Sir Keith Joseph: Mr Emery has enough experience of the market to know that answer cannot be given. Mr MacGregor and British Steel are not going to sit back passively. If their forecasts are nullified, they will take what action seems to be necessary as events unfold.

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Sir Reith Joseph: I sympathine with those who have been made redundant and the thinking behind his question. Under legislation passed by his government the power to decide on closures and redundancies is emirely for British Steel management. Mr Charles Pletcher-Cooke (Dar-

Mr Billary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C): Is he aware of the keen sense of injustice among private steel makers on the difference in terms between them and the public sector in matters of compatition and the sector in matters.

of competition, prices, redun-dancies, and closure terms. Sir Keith Joseph: I have no doubt of the sense of injustice. On the other hand, some of the allegations made accuse British Steel of unfair competition when what has won trade are imports at far lower prices, and not British Steel at all. Duport assets were bought by British Steel not in order to retain them and to compete with the private sector but in order to be in partnership with the private sector.

sector.

Mr John Bruce-Gardyne (Knutsford, C): Is it not sadly the case that not least because of the behaviour of BSC under Mr MacGregor's leadership, there are few firms in the private sector who would not be delighted to land their steel-making activities in the hands of the taxpayer?

of the market, but the market for imported products. Sir Keith Joseph: I do not often disagree with him, but I do disagree sharply with him on each of his propositions. I know of some companies that do not want to be nationalized and I am sure many others do not want to at all, and are perfectly ready, provided BSC behaves as Mr MacGregor wants them to behave,

wen, C): Against the possibility that this optimistic plan may unfortunately fall, will he include in the new Bill powers to wind up BSC if necessary?

Sir Keifh Joseph: But that is virtually what the new Bill enables to happen.

Mr Hillsry Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C): Is he aware of the keen sense of injustice Mr Frederick Mulley (Sheffield,

Mr Frederick Mulley (Sheffield, Park, Lab): He must be living in an unreal world if he thinks that the problems of the industry stem from the shortcomings of the previous Government and are in no way connected with this Government's economic policies. Sir Keith Joseph: BSC's problems are not connected with this Government's policies. (Labour protests). They are inherited from nationalization, overmanning and restrictive labour practices. Mr Michael Morris (Northampton, South, C): The policy of destroying the private sector to save the public sector is unacceptable. In the future, will he look at the needs of the private sector and where these fail the nation, then the public sector can be brought forward.

Sir Keith Joseph: The Government has no policy such as he describes and my statement shows the extent to which we are giving BSC active cooperation to ensure fair competition.

## Aiming at future with firmly based jobs

The industrial situation had been caused by failure over the last 20 years to take the right action at the right time, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Plaid Cymru) who had asked for job vacancy figures, was told by Job vacancy figures, was told by Mr Prior (Lowestoft, C): At February 1981, the seasonally adjusted number of notified vacancies remaining unfilled at employment offices in the United Kingdom was 96,000 compared with 254,600 at May, 1979.

Vacancies at careers offices, which are not seasonally adjusted, number 3,721 in February 1981 and 41,265 in May 1979.

As not all vacancies are notified to employment offices, it is esti-

to employment offices it is esti-mated that there are about 200,000 to 250,000 vacancies in the eco-momy as a whole compared with 700,000 to 800,000 in May 1979. Mr Wigley: On a quick calculation, Mr Wigley: On a quick calculation, that represents a drop of 70 per cent in the number of available jobs since May 1979.
On that basis, when will the Conservative strategy of encouraging people to do their own thing and set up their own tobs, and

giving more incentives, work through the economy and provide more jobs? Mr Prior: In Wales in the last month vacancies have started to rise a bit, a good sign. Unemploy-ment rose less in Wales in that time than in most other regions of Britain.

As for achieving a right balance in the economy and getting more jobs, when we get through this recession I am certain this is precisely what will happen. It will be more firmly based employment and prosperity than the country has known for 20

Opposition party leaders call for

positive response to Mr Brezhnev

The Prime Minister twice said that will not discuss economic matters. We have said it from this box right

arms race is the most important question in the world?
Mrs Thatcher: I have already given one reply on Mr Brezhner's speech and have pointed out that the best way to improve relations would be for the Soviet Union to withdraw troops from Afghanistan.

About the rest of the espeech and the conference on arms limitation, it is a fact that the Soviet Union has got further with the deploy-

it is a fact that the Soviet Umon has got further with the deployment of missile than we have. We must bear in mind that there are occasions when it would suit Russia to stop deployment immediately.

We must look at the speech closely, and not just at the speech, have the facts on the wound.

ing months.

Mr Prior: That is correct. The uptake of jobs will come mostly from small companies. Anything we can do to help small companies we should do. Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale L): Even the few job vacaucies existing apply in even smaller numbers
to men in the 55 to 65 age group.
Has he any special plans to look
at the possibility of what one
might describe as job creation
schemes for this group, similar to
those for 18-year-olds? Many of
these older men feel they are on
the scrap heap.

Mr Prior: The position of these men is particularly serious. They tend to be the long-term unem-ployed. The community enterprise programme, designed for the long-term unemployed, will be in-creased to 25,000 places this com-

ing year. We hope if will take up between 40,000 and 45,000 people during the year.

Mr Eric Varley, chief Opposition spokesman on employment (Chesterfield, Lab): The intolerable unemployment levels represent the inevitable collapse of the Government's economic and industrial collapse.

Will he admit that if we are to errest the situation, it can be done only by the Government introducing bold and imaginative measures to get people back to work rather than having the shambles which exists now?

policies.

will not discuss economic matters with Mr Reagan but will give her mind to the speech yesterday by Mr Brezhnev and urge on President Reagan and other powers that they should make a constructive response to the proposals made for arms limitation, witch appear to be a response to what was said by others at Madrid.

Will she go to the United States in the knowledge that stopping the arms race is the most important question in the world?

Mrs Thatcher: I have already given

the country has known for 20 Mr Prior. I do not accept that. I accept that the present situation of 20 years of not taking the right company formation vastly outstrips bankropties particularly among small businesses. This is

to stop this race," and approach it in that spirit instead of that shown

a few moments ago.

Mrs Thatcher: The spirit I am
showing is thoroughly realistic.
The proposal to have talks on arms
control and of theatre nuclear
forces was made at Nato. There

was one attempt to discuss mat-ters, but it has not been taken further. Mr Brezhnev has made some fur-

Mr Brezhnev has made some nurther suggestions. In looking at that, we must remember the number of \$\$20s deployed on the ground—way way ahead of anything we have, so that in certain circumstances it would suit the Soviet Union to have a mora-

a few moments ago.

#### Slim BSC could be out of state sector

When the nationalised steel in-dustry had become profitable, the Government might be able to dena-tionalize it. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, indi-cated during questions.

Mir James Hill (Southampton, Test, C) had said: Is she aware of the unease on the backbeaches among some of us at the exces-sively generous funding of nationalised industries?

It is creating a situation where, at the end of the day, it will only be the notionalized industries which will survive and the private sector, to which we are dedicated, Mrs Thatcher: The Secretary of State for Industry (Sir Keith Joseph) will be making a statement

about the steel industry. There have been 50,000 jobs lost in the The job release scheme is regretably at the moment only for those of 64 and over. But this is a scheme which, when funds are available, we should increase with advantage.

The job release scheme is regretably at the moment only for those of the purposes of the money being injected into it, is to get it into a condition and size at which it can be profitable.

That is being done by slimming the condition of the purposes of the money being injected into it, is to get it into a condition and size at which it can be profitable.

money for redundancies to see that that industry will become profitable. When it is I believe we can perhaps, denationalize it.

#### Good wishes to **Prince Charles** and Lady Diana

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said that an audience with the Queen which she hoped to have later that day would give her an opportunity to express the great pleasure which the news of the Prince of Wales's engagement had brought to the Government and to the House as a whole.

Congratulations and good wishes to Prince Charles and Lady Diaga Spencer on the announcement of their engagement were also expressed from all parts of the House of Lords.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone Lord Chancellor, said: In the absence of the Leader of the House, I am very much pleased to be able to report to the House the announcement, which I am sure many peers will already have heard, of the engagement of HRH the Prince of Wales to the Lady Diana Spencer.

I am sure the House will wish to have an opportunity in due course to convey a more formal message to her Majesty the Queen. In the meantime peers would wish to join with me in conveying our heartfelt congratulations and very good wishes to HRH Prince Charles and

Lord Peart, Leader of the Opposition peers, described the an-nouncement as "this happy news" and added the warmest congratulations of his colleagues. Lord Byers (L) and Lady Hylton-Foster (Ind) joined in the good wishes and congratulations. The Bishop of Salisbury said: We

shall continue to pray that God's guidance and his riches will attend Prince Charles and the Lady Diana to the end of their days.

## Social security benefit upratings can only equal rise in prices

on public spending the nation could not afford increases in the real value of social security benefits, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said when he moved the second reading of the Social Security Bill. Mr Jenkin (Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford, C) said k gave legislative form to one of the proposals announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer before Christmas for containing the growth in public spending.

exchange rates, as well as indi-vidual and company performance, that are going to make the differ-

The Government had had the courage to deal with current account spending and not just hack away at capital spending plans as its predecessors did. Clause 1, upon which most controversy would focus, would ensure that the Government's intentions on uprating were implemented, including keeping the value of the retirement pension and other social security benefits in line with the rise in prices, in accordance with election pledses.

The increase in benefits in the week beginning November 24 last of 16% per cent for per most other long term benefits urned out to be one percentage point more than the increase in prices since the 1979 uprating. In view of the extreme pressure

on public expenditure (he said) the Government has taken the view that the nation cannot at present afford increases in the real value of social security

It had been decided, therefore, to take account of this 1 per cent excess when making next November's uprating. Existing legislation obliged the Government to carry the 1 per cent excess forward when fixing the 1981 increase. But this could not be afforded so the Bill asked Parliament to amend the law.

The Secretary of State in future must make a statement specifying the date of the uprating, the percentage by which benefits would have to be increased to

for in the uprating order. In due course, he must lay an order providing for these increases.

Adjusting next November's up-rating to maintain the pension in line with prices and to recover the excess would save around £170m of public spending in a full year, a further £30m on other benefits which followed suit, and about £25m on public service pensions, a total of about £225m.

He had given a clear undertaking that when invalidity benefit was brought into taxation, its value would be restored to the level it would have reached had it remained in line with long-term benefits. He anticipated the Charcellor of the Exchequer (Sir Geoffrey Howe) might have something to say in his Budget statement about the fiming of the changes in these benefits.

the most important thing was to make sure pensioners and other beneficiaries get their increases at the due rate. The Government was proposing that the definitive date for the Budget forecast should be the date of the Budget announcement and not the date when the uprating order was laid.

Given the commitment to cor-rect any underpayment the follow-ing year this seemed to be the most sensible course. Changes increasing the maximum fines and maximum periods of imprisonment which might be imposed for offences under the Family Income Supplements Act 1970, Social Security Act 1975, Child Benefit Act 1975 and Supplementary Benefit Act 1976 were not being made as part of the Government's current campaign against social security fraud but to integrate social security penalties more fully with the general criminal law. Changes increasing the maximum

The Bill was shorter than the lovernment had originally

Government had originally envisaged because it did not in-clude the clauses which would have been necessary to give effect to its proposals about eight-weeks statutory sic kpay. The reason was that it had decided

increases h eproposed to provide restore their value, and the actual the next session of Parliament. When he said postpone he meant precisely that.

We remain convinced (he said) that there are substantial advan-tages in placing the responsibility for the first eight weeks of sickness on a person's employer and avoiding the duplication which arises from the overlap of employers sick pay with national insurance sick pay.

The change is essential if we are to achieve the purpose, supported by both sides of the House, of bringing the short-term begetist within taxation. It will also have the effect of saving some £400m of public spending matched by compensating adjustments to recompense employers for the extra burdens they will be taking on.

The reason why we decided to postpone the legislation was to pospone the legislation was to give us more time to work on new proposals which emerged at a very late stage in our consultations to match that compensation more closely to actual sickness records likely to be experienced by different categories of employers.

The odiginal proposals by mean of a flat-rate reduction in the rate of employers' national insur-ance contribution made no differentiation over sickness records and for that reason ran into a great deal of criticism. The CBI's alternative proposal for 100 per cent reimbursement of the sickness payments made by employers was unacceptable because the checking and verification procedures that would have been necessary would awallow up virtually all the staff savings being aimed for.

Earlier this month a modified proposal emerged which would go a long way to meet the CBI's case but it required a great deal more study and refinement before it could be brought before the House. For that reason only, it was not in the Bill but would form part of a Bill to be intrduced erly ner sessn.

aimed for.

#### Hitting the weak, elderly and disabled

tion spokesman on social security, (West Renfrewshire, Lab) said the Opposition would not accept a proposition that said that when the country was in economic difficul-ties the problems must be paid for out of the pockets of the poor, sick and elderly. If there was an econo-mic decline, their conditions must be preserved.

It was a short Bill but nonethe less nasty and brutal. Clauses 1 and 3 were the heart of the Bill which

gave it its particular venom. The eight weeks' sick pay proposal was not dropped because the Govern-

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2.30; Gas Lovy Bill, remaining stages. Private Bill: Greater London Council (General Powers) (No 2) Bill, report.

House of Lords Today at 2.30: Debates on need to strengther Britain's air defences and implication of decision to acquire Theory missile tystem. Marriage Entailing Bill, second reading.

New peer Lord Swann, formerly Sir Michael Swann, former chairman of the BBC, was introduced.

## clawing back the 1 per cent extra which old age pensioners had recieved by accident, the Govern-Need to discover way to

There was no evidence that if the Mr Dennis Skinner (Eolsover, closed shop had been banned Lab): Is it not scandalous that this under the Government's industrial Government should talk about this relations legislation, Sandwell one isolated position when this Material Council and C mater the Government's industrial relations legislation, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council would have behaved any less irres-ponsibly in the case of Miss Joanna Harris, Mr David Wad-dington, Under Secretary for employment, said during ques-tions.

Joanna Harris and other victims of local government closed shops.

Does the Government (he asked) consider the present legislation adequate to protect the rights to work of these people?

Mr Waddington, (Clitheroe, C): Nothing could be less satisfactory than the spectacle of a decem hard working girl being drummed out of her Job by a bunch of mean minded councillors more interested in socialist doctrines than in their own employees. (Conservative cheers.)

I freely concede that monetary

These are matters discussed in our green paper and I hope Mr Adley will not be backward in coming forward with suggestions. They will all be considered.

would never become better off as long as the Bill went through. Mr Jenkin said that that clause was drafted to refer only to the November 1981 uprating. when the miners or the CEI spoke the Government would relent and fall back. It clobbered the weak ,elderly and disabled and capitulated to the strong. No pensioner would now be better off under this government because the "at least" minimum had become at most ". When the miners or the CBI Mr Buchan said that the Govern-ment did not understand what it was doing. They had over-esti-mated inflation on a previous occamated inflation on a previous occa-sion and given 1 per cent too much. They wer epromptly bring-ing in a Bill to claw it back. The Bill was saying as clearly as possible that if by accident the pensioners got a few more coppers in their pockets, this Government would claw it back. By the method used in the Bill of

same lousy rotten Government has

thrown more than a million people out of their jobs in less than two years? (Labour cheers.)

Mr Waddington: I do not think the right of someone not to join a trade union is an unimportant matter. These are crucially important matters involving individual rights.

matters involving individual rights.
Mr Adley, in other exchanges, asked: As strikes and bad industrial relations lead to unemployment, would the minster like to comment on the proposal from Mr Roy Jenkins to penalize strikers through loss of benefits? Is this likely to lead to improved industrial relations?

Mr Waddington: I am bound to agree that it would be a dangerors course to pursue. I read it with

some surprise.

the strong.

# enforce reinstatement

tions.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) asked whether the Government was concerned at the lack of employment protection afforded to people like Miss Joanna Harris and other victims of local government closed whoms

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Closed shop had been banned or
declared void in our legislation
this particular council would have
behaved any less irresponsibly.
These are matters discussed in

It is right to emphasize that it is unnecessary disputes, excessive wage claims and bad industrial relations which have done such damage to our economy. Mr David Stockert (Swindon, Lab): The Government's policy is to browhest workers into according lower standards of living. It has embarked on an industrial relations policy of smashing the weak into the ground and caving in to

Mr Waddington: That is the kind of absurd hyperbole from the Opposition which has brought it into disrepute in recent months.

#### sely, and not just at the speech, but at the facts on the ground. Mr Foot: I am in favour of looking at the facts on the ground as we did in the coal industry. We are all in favour of the Soviet Union withdrawing from Afghanistan. (Conservative Interruptions and shouts of dissect.) We are concerned to have nu-clear arms reduction with genuine balance. We canno thave reduction which would leave one side better off than the other. We assume that, in vising the United States, with unemployment totals here rising to the highes figure recorded this century, she Over 90,000 who have never had a job

The youth opportunities pro-gramme was being expanded to help the young unemployed more, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said.
He told Mr Alfred Dubs (Wands-

He told Mr Alfred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea South, Lab): At February 12, the provisional number of unemployed young people under age 18 in the United Kingdom who had not been in employment since commetting full-time education was 90,075.

This is the group of young people which the youth opportunities programme is designed to help and in 1981-82 the programme will provide 440,000 opportunities for training and work experience. Mr Dubs: Those figures are unacceptably high. We are leading young people to wander the streets with nothing to do except possibly to get in trouble with the law.

Will be guarantee that every one will be guarantee that every one

of these young people will be found a place on the yough oppor-tunities programme?

Mr Prior (Lowestoft, C): I want to see every young person with a proper job. But of the 715,000 who frustration? see every young person with a proper job. But of the 715,000 who left school last year, by Christmas, 90,000 were still unemployed. There were 80,000 on the youth opportunities programme.

So by Easter, when the guarantee for last year is complete, it should still be possible to offer all those young people who left school last summer a place on the pro-We are expanding the pro-gramme so we should do consider-ably better in the guarantees and the time when people get on a

scheme next year. Sir William Elliott (Newcastle Upon Tyne, North C): By the time we reach the end of March, 90,000 young people in the Northern Region will have been through the job opportunities scheme. Half of those are in full employment now.

Is this an excellent thing—to encourage more of the young to take part in employment through ments.

Mr Prior: Yes, the North East is a particularly difficult area. It has been remarkable how the scheme has kept up. More the scheme has kept up. More employers should take part and we wish for a greater element of training in the scheme so we may equip young people for tomorrow's jobs.

Answering a later question, Mr. Prior said this month 926,000 people were receiving help in one way or another in their jobs.

Mr Peter Morrison, Under Secretary for Employment (City of Chester, C), in reply to a later question, said that the Government hoped to publish shortly a discussion paper on training for the 1980s, which was intended to lead to a joint programme of action by Government, industry and the educational and training services, to improve the effectiveness of Bri-tain's national training arrange-

#### **Greater protection for** battered wives House of Lords

Domestic violence was an evil which had tainted faintly life for many years, the Eart of Mansfield, Minister of State, Sociaish Office, said when he moved the second reading of the Matrimonial Homes (Esmile, Protection) (Scotland) reading of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Bill. He said there were no accurate figures of the extent of wife battering but it was almost certainly very much higher than the number of reported cases.

The Bill would recognise that both parties to a marriage should have rights of orcupancy in the matrimonial home, and would provide protection to a spouse or to children who were at risk of physical or mental injury as a result of the conduct of the other spouse.

Where a wife who was being ill-treated by her husband wanted to leave him she might be deterred from doing so by the fear of becoming homeless.

Although the Bill was drafted in terms which applied equally in favour of a husband or wife, it was expected that the chief beneficiary would be wives:

by the other spouse. In that kind of situation the Bill would help a wife in two distinct ways. It gave her a right to occupy the family home, even where her

The Bill provided the support of socts cipil law to the criminal code so that a sporse who was at risk of vilence could take steps to protect herself from assault or molestation by the other

husband was the owner or tenant. It enabled her to seek a court order excluding her husband from the home because of the risk of violence to her or the children. Lord Ross of Margock (Lab. for

the Opposition, said the Bill was in many ways courageous and wise. The Bill was read a second time.

## Leicester turn to Cruyff for their salvation

when he persuaded Johan Crayin, the Dutch World Cup player to consider joining first division strugglers, Lelcester City. Cruyff sald last night: "I've promised said last night: I we promised him an answer in the next day or so." Arsenal, Brighton, Chelsea and Dumbarton have all chased the 33-year-old Cruyff who is ex-pected to collect £5,000 per game he goes to Filbert Street.

"The financial side of things s been agreed", Mr Wallace id. "All that is left now is the formality of the player's business affairs to be sorted out."

There is a chance Cruyff could There is a chance Cruyit could make his first appearance in Saturday's home game against Nottingham Forest. Mr Wallace said: "I have been after Cruyiff for a long time and am absolutely delighted to have got him. He will be the biggest draw in the first division."

Apart from his obvious crowd appeal, Leicester feel Cruyff can play a big part in keeping them in the top flight. They have shown an improvement during the past month, winning three of their last four games—against Liverpool, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur.

Tottenham Hotspur.

Cruyff, bracketed with Pele in the "super-star" class, retired from football in May, 1978, He returned to the game with Los Angeles Artees and Washington-Diplomats. When the latter club folded Cruyff became a free agent. Cruyff, Europe's highest-paid professional when he played for Barcelona for five seasons. cannot return to league football in Spain because of ta problems. Arsenal and Chelsea refused to Arsenal and Cheises retused to break their wage structure to accommodate him—but now Leicester are ready to pay him more than double the amount the Scottish side, Hibernian, gave George Best for coming out of retirement last season.

retirement last season.

Alan Evnett, the Leicester Secretary, admitted there were still a few problems to overcome. There are a number of testimonial and friendly games Cruyff is committed to and these have got to be sorted out. We would want him to be here regularly once he signs—not popping back every so often to play in a game in Holland or Spain", he said.

Another very expensive young man. Steve Daley, has ended one of the most drawn out and cimman. Steve Daley, has ended one of the most drawn out and cimplicated transfer sagas by signing for Seattle Sounders for £300,000. This reresents a loss of over £1 million to Manchester City, who signed Daley from Wolverbampton Wanderers 18 months ago for





The motivators: Francis (icit), who will steer the Rangers promotion drive, and Cruyff, Graham Moseley and Tony Knight, and a former Swindon midfield player, Ray McHale. Martin O'Nelli's proposed trans-

£1.4 million. However, Tommy Hutchison, City's former Scotland World Cup player, who has played such a vital part in the Maine Road revival will not now be joining Seattle.

City agreed to let him spend the summer in the United States when he was signed from Coven-try City for £47,500. But Hutchison has had second thoughts

Gerry Francis has rejoined Queen's Park Rangers from Cry-stal Palace for £150,000. The deal was completed after x-rays gave

career until now was the winning goals for Palace in the FA Youth Cup finals o f1977 and '78 against Asion Vilal and Everton.

The Irish republic, making a rare appearance at this level, include two full internationals, Terry Donovan, of Aston Villa, and Paul McGee, of Preston North

"We have a team with less experience than England, but it is

more often if we are to develop our international standing," Terry Comroy, the manager, said, An Orient defender, Henry Hughton,

takes a step towards joining his older brother, Chris, in the full international team, and Liverpool reserves, Kevin Sheedy and Roa Whelan get a rare chance to play on the Antield pitch in an important game.

Shaw given a new stage for

his wit and wisdom

The door to the international scene has been left ajar for Gary Shaw, the young Aston Villa forward who plays for England Under-21 against the Republic of Ireland at Anfield today.

Shaw, at the spearhead of Aston Villa's assault on the league title, is, at 19, arguably Erinish football's brightest prospect. He has sat on the substitute's bench for the last two young England games without receiving a call.

knows, and this level he already knows, and teams Show with Stoke's Lee Chapman and David Hodgson of Middlesbrough in a 4-3-3 line-up.

Other newcomers in the side

Other newcomers in the side are Coventry's small full back Danny Thomas, the Sheffield Wednesday defender, Mark Smith, Eyerton's Steve McMahon, and Chapman. McMahon, a former Goodison Park ball boy, has made a remarkable impact in his first season as a regular in the Everton midfield and looks a good enough prospect for a full cap to justify his decision not to opt for Irish qualification through his parents.

England will be under a new

England will be under a new leadership, that of Queen's Park Rangers', Terry Fenwick.

Although the senior manager,

Francis a clean bill of health. Francis left Loftus Road for £465,000l ess than two years ago. The former England captain has not played for a month after a virus infection, but he still hopes to step out for Rangers in Saturday's home game against Sheffield. Wednesday,
Francis is the fourth player to
follow the manager, Terry
Venables, from Palace to Rangers.
The others are Burridge, Fenwick. and Flanagan.

Brighton have placed Gerry
Ryan, a Republic of Ireland forward, on the transfer list. Also
available are the goalkeepers,

US league and

face suspension

Zurich, Feb 24.—The United States federation and the North American League have until Saturday to declare adherence to football's laws or face suspension from FIFA, the international federation. The executive board of FIFA, which has 150 member associations, ordered in Decamber that "major variations" of the North American League's style of play be abandoned within 90 days.

Today, four days befode the deadline, a FIFA spokemman, Rente Courte, said: "We have no indication" that the order will be obeyed. He said the United States Federation had forwarded FIFA's

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instructions to the league in mid-January. "By the end of the mouth we want to hear that

instructions to the league in mid-January. "By the end of the mouth we want to hear that FIFA's instructions are fully com-piled with and the laws of the game are fully applied", FIFA say the league violate rules in setting an arbitrary offside line 35 yards from the goal and in permitting teams three substi-rutions one more than is accented.

in permitting teams three substitutions, one more than is accepted
internationally. "FIFA is very
anxious that these 'experiments',
as they call them, are stopped
Should the order be ignored, he
added, suspension of the league
was probable, and if the United
States federation had not pressed
for compliance, it would face a
similar punishment. Suspension
could entail a ban on play outside
the United States against FIFAaffiliated clubs and on the use of
FIFA-approved referees.
FIFA last suspended a member
association in the mid-1960s, when
the Australian federation violated
rules concerning transfers.—AP.

federation

Martin O'Neill's proposed transfer from Northingham Forest to Norwich City will not go through before he has had further talks with the Forest manager, Brian Clough, and his assistant, Peter Taylor. O'Neill had a telephone conversation with Norwich after his talks with their manager, Ken Brown, over the weekend. O'Neill said: "I am reasouably happy with the terms offered by Norwich but I haven't given an answer yet."

ling, the manager of Maidstone United, went to prison over the weekend to assess a player. He took a team to Maidstone Jail to take part in a match against the prisoners, He was also asked to assess one of the inmates.

Mr Watling said: "The lad had evidently asked to follow a career in football and the governor wanted me to assess his ability. I was impressed, the guy showed tremendous skill. If I had seen him playing on the park I would have approached him and asked if he could train with us. Unfortunately he is 22 years old and is a long-term prisoner."

#### forward?: Barry Wat-David has giant doubts about slinging out Goliath

Tel Aviv, Feb 24.—Andy Gray, Britain's most expensive footballer, was left on the beach today when Jock Stein, the Scotland manager, amounced his side to face Israel in tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match here. His decision to make the £1.5m striker redundant in the Ramat Gan Stadium serves to underline

Scotland manager.
Gray, who failed to break down the defensive wall crected by Portugal in a goalless draw at Hampden Park in October, makes way for Steve Archibald, of Tottenham, who will win his fifth cap. The needle-sharp former Aberdeen player, who has made an impact in English football by scoring 23 goals so far this season, will occupy the main striker's role with assistance from Dalgish.

Mr Stein also recognized that the traditional wing play of Robertson, of Nottingham Forest, was essential to give the team width, so Gray was relegated to substi-

so Gray was relegated to substitute.
At the back Mr Stein has pre-At the back Mr Stein has pre-ferred the rugged toughness of the in-form Burns, the Nottingham Forest central defender, insmad of Miller, of Aberdeen. The recall of Wark, of Ipswich Town, was also expected after a prolific season in which he has already scored 29 goals. However, since Wark and

Souness, of Liverpool, play similar central midfield roles for their clubs, Mr Stein was left with a dilemma which he managed to solve by giving Souness a roving commission wide on the right flank.

That was the role Wark filled with considerable lack of success in his previous eight appearances for Scotland, but Mr Stein said:

"On this occasion we must play Wark in his customary club position. It would be unfair to switch him wide in view of his displays for Ipswich and there is also a feeling I have that Souness may benefit from a bit of variety."

variety." As rain lashed the uncovered stadium today, washing away yesterday's sandstorm, Mr Stein

yesterday's sandstorm, Mr Stein asked his men for a "commonsense approach".

Mr Stein is right to guard against complacency, for fewer than 30 miles from here David slew Goliath in Biblical times. Can Israel kill the glaut?

Mr Mansell has picked two uncapped 20-year-olds in Shabti Levi and Moshe Sinai in attack, but has dropped Moshe Griani, of Brighton.

ton.

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Shum. Tabak. Damil, Sinai.
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Nottingham Forest), G. Sounces (Liverpool), A. McLotsh (Aberdeen), K.
Hums (Notlingham Forest), J. Warter
Fourier, T. McLotsh (Aberdeen), K.
Flums (Notlingham Forest), J.
Schotzen (Notlingham Forest),
J. Roberson (Notlingham Forest),
Subs. W. Thomeson (St Mirred), R.
Stewarf (West Ham), W. Millor (Aberdeen), D. Narey (Dundee United), A.
Gray (Wolverhampion Wandorers).

Cricket

## Waiting for the flood waters to recede

Georgetown, Feb 24

Any hope of playing cricket here today had been abandoned by half past eight this morning. by hair past eight this morning.
Although there was no rain in
the night—there has been none to
speak of since Sunday—the
Bourda Oval is still saturated. Bourda Oval is still saturated. The Guyana match, due to have started last Saturday and finished today, has therefore been and gone without a hall being bowied. The groundsman is hopeful of being able to provide conditions fit for a one-day game tomorrow (which had been originally intended as a free day), though it will need only one heavy shower to make even that impossible. At make even that impossible. At Berbice, where the second of the tour's two one-day internationals should be played on Thursday, the ground is fig.

Thought is airdeay being given to what to do if there is enough rain in Georgetown in the next two days to put Saturday's Test match in doubt. No one here is happy with the sky, which still looks unsettied, and being below sea Jevel (at high tide) the Bourda must be the slowest drying Test ground in the world. It would be possible to look at it on Friday morning, if it were under water, and to rule out with some confidence the chances of any play before next Tuesday at the esertiest. That could not be said even of Old Trafford in a bad Thought is airdeay being given even of Old Trafford in a bad

All being well the floods will recede. If not there would be little point in remaining in Guyana. In 1976 the third Test match between West Indies and India was switched from Georgetown to Port of Spain, where only eight days

Willis goes to

knee operation

hospital for

earlier the second had finished, because of the waterlogged state of the Bourda Oval. This, conceivably, could happen again. An alternative is Barbados, but the third Test match is due to start there anyway on March 13.

Jamaica is too far away and Antigua, the venue for the fourth Test, would be unable at such short notice both to accommodate the party and to stage an extra match. St Vincent probably could, but there the facilities are inadequate. With three full days to go before the second Test is due to start, and the sun shining brightly, no commitments are being made. My own guess is that we shall see Test play here, and that the match is more likely to be abandoned than played else-

The pitch, ironically, is in pertect condition. There is no better ground for batting than Bourds; at its best the ourfield is fast and beautifully smooth, and this morning, as it lay open to the sun and the breeze, the pitch—though surrounded by a swamp—was as dry as a bone and fit for a Test match.

This afternoon the police ground, which is above sea level, provided the players with somewhere for some sort of a practice. On the nine-hole golf course, out among the cane fields, the caddles in their bare feet found the paddling easiest.

#### Malone may not return to Old Trafford

Bob Willis, the Warwickshire ast bowler, who returned home from the England tour of the West Indies on Saturday with a mee injury, will go to bospital oday for an exploratory operation. Mick Malone, Malone has been advised to have an operation, but a specialist has warned him that only temporary relief could be assured. Malone has offered to "come over to bowl at half pace under handicap or shall we call it a day?" He has seen a specialist in Birm-

ingham who diagnosed possible cartilage trouble. The Warwick-shire manager, David Brown, said yesterday: "Bob is hoping that shire manager, Lavid provides, said yesterday: "Bob is hoping that they find some cartilage trouble. If this is what has caused his problem it can be put right and we are all hoping that he will be ready for the start of next season."

Willis said: "I am encouraged the season of the start of the season." certain after a counter-offer from by the specialist's diagnosis. I hope that it turns out to be a cardiage and that I shall make a 100 per cent recovery." warwickshire, Lancashire's attack may be limited to Radford, Allott and Lee this summer. Clive Lloyd, the new captain, will be consulted.

Rowing

## Keble are dark horses

By Jim Railton

Strong rumouts from the rivers hold their head title with four of Isis and the Cam hint of no the crew from last year's top May change at the top by the end of boat, which rowed over unthis week's Torpids and Lent disturbed on all four days. Their races. Oriel, head of the river at likely supremacy is heightened by Oxford, boast five Oxford triabists including Isis oarsmen, Todd and Holland, together with a Goldie Fitzwilliam, who sat term. Fitzwilliam, who sat term. oarsman, Pitt. Oriel's all-round strength should keep them ahead.

Keble might conceivably appear as dark horses with last year's borough head race recently, but the senior B title at the Peterborough them and Oxford's lightweight captain, Jordan, and a junior international. Donaldson, on hoard. Another Keble Blue, a Canadian, Moran, may just be and are seeking promotion to the coniced into the Keble crew. Exeter, who won the junior eights at the Southern Universities and are seeking promotion to the first division: Downing are also expected to make progress. They have been guided so far by a woman coxswain who will, presumably do so again unless she is "lifted" by the Blue boat in an attempt to upstage Oxford. oarsman. Origi's all-round

Washington. Feb 22.—Clay Regazzoni, the Swiss formula one motor racing driver, was resting at the Georgetown University medical centre here today after undergoing an 11-hour operation to help him recover the use of his legs.—Agence France-Presse.

Regazzoni recuperates | French in Milk Race France are back in the Milk never to enter the event again. They withdrew after an incident 600 yards from the line, involving Dutch riders, that cost Marcel Duchemin the individual title in 1972. island in

Two girls

Squash rackets

from an the sun

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets

Squash Rackets

Competities in this evening's semi-final round of the British women's open championship, sponsored by Pretty Polly at Hove, will be playing for personal and national pride, for a permanent niche in the history of the game's most deeply traditional tournament, and for prizes ranging from \$700 to \$1,500. The pairings are: Vicki Hoffmann (Adelaide) v Rae Anderson (Melbourne) and Margaret Zacharjan (Melbourne) v Margaret Zacharian (Melbourne) | Lisa Opie (Guerzsey).

These players represent generations. Miss Zacharian generations. Miss Zachariah is a lluk with the closing years of the Heather McKay era, Miss Hoffmann and Miss Anderson are graduates of the post McKay Australian school, and Miss Onle states a case for the future. The title has gone to Australia for 19 consecutive years. The extraordinary thing is that the chance of a first British winner since 1961 rests not with the host nation's most highly ranked players, but with a richly talented ingenue, a potter's daughter, from ingenue, a potter's daughter, from an island with only 10 squash

dividends of a junior development scheme in which the Women's Squash Rackets Association and the Sports Council have invested heavily. Miss Opie and Exth Strauss, both 17, Martine ie Moignan, aged 18, and Alison Cumings, aged 19, have all advanced their reputations.

The Channel Islanders are playing the sturring roles. In the confinence of Miss Tachacian with

reputations.

The Channel Islanders are playing the starring roles. In the opinion of Miss Zachariah, who has a wealth of experience to support her judgments, "Lisa can vary the pace more, but the two are very close. At the moment they are the loveliest junior players in the world. They sent the ball well, their movement he graceful and economical, and they are level-headed: more so than many seniors. To be so level-headed at that age is incredible."

Tony Swift. Canada's national coach, who was doing a similar job in Britain when he shared a court with Miss Ople on her native island six years ago, reckons the "easy-going outlook" must arise from the Guernsey life-style.

"Lisa is the most intelligent player I have seen here. She moves the ball beauffully, has her opponent going to the corners, and varies her pace nicely. It was no surprise to me that she beat Sue Coeswell.

corners, and varies her pace pacely. It was no surprise to me that she beat Sue Cogswell. Martine has the wrist to play straight even when the ball is behind her. She's a deceptive mover, floating around, and looks casual. She waves her racket about like a conductor's baton and so years only here where

the forehand."
This is the third time Miss Zachariah has reached the last four in deflance of the seedings. Her game has been sharpened by tougher matches than Miss Opic needed to play. But Miss Opic can be encouraged by three facts: she is still maling her reputation rather rhan risking it, she recently beat Miss Zachariah, and her results and present form suggest that she can boat anyone. as long as she can play her best squash under persistent pressure. Miss Anderson, ranked sixth in Australia, has had recent wins over Miss Hoffmann, the No 1, and Rhonda Thorne, the No 2. But Miss Hoffmann, the defending champion, is more accustomed to big occasions and may welcome the fact that Miss Anderson plays the fact that Miss Anderson plays a more patterned game than either of the British competitors—Felicity Hargreaves and Miss le Moignan—who made Miss Hollmann look anxious and vulnerable.

main look anxious and vamerable.

We know what Miss Zachariah and Miss Hoffmann can and will do. The unpredictable factor is the wave of inspiration that is carrying their opponents along. Could it still be rising?

Leading goalscorers

FIRST DIVISION: S. Archibald (Toltonham), Co. J. Wark (In.wich), 20; G. Shaw (Asion Valla), I. S. Maran (Southampton, IT (T. Crooks (Torreham), 16; K. Dajplush (Liverpon)), 16; J. Fashanu (Norvich), 16; P. Mariner (Inswich), 16; M. Roblaum (Brighton), 16.

SECOND DIVISION: D. Cross (West Ham: "M. M. Posker (Watterd), 17: M. Hartord (Newsaniber 17) for to-coint, 16 C. Lee (Chesar, 16 B. Nots (Laton), 10; B. Stein (Laton)

TMIRD DIVISION: A Kullow (Espect 22), Romp (Phymoula), 22); Chesterinid 20; R Konre (Rubertam), 19; C. Davies (Pulham), 19; C. Davies (Pulham), 19; C. Davies (Pulham), 19; C. Davies (Pulham), 12; A. Corf (Wimble Peterbesugh), 12; A. Corf (Wimble Peterbesugh), 12; A. Corf (Wimble Peterbesugh), 12; C. Tabaran (Incom), 19; D. Spence (Southerd), 19; A. Walsh (Darlington), 17; A.

Ice hockey

MATIONAL LEAGUE: New York landers 4, Minnesola North Stars 1.

Basketball

#### Wembley line-up | Padukone may may depend on suspensions

OI SUSPENSIONS

By Nicholas Harling

The two finalists in next month's National Championship play-off at Wembley are likely to be determined by suspensions as much as by events on court. Both Team Fiat. Birmingham, and Crystal Palace, the National League's top teams, who are expected to contest the show-piece on March 14, are likely to be without key players in the previous night's semi-final round games.

Palace, who have lost the league title to Birmingham, but can still qualify for the European Cup next season by winning the play-off, already knew they would be without Bett.

they would be without Bett, who has been suspended for one match for dangerous play in the match for dangerous play in the crucial game between the clubs three weeks ago. On Monday, the English Basketball Association confirmed that Roma, Palace's centre, would incur the same punishment for bringing the game into disrepute by flinging a chair on his dismissal from the same rame. Now Birmingham stand to

lose their forward, Samson, who was also sent off after scoring 17 points in Saturday's game in which Ovaltine, Hemel Hempstead, ended the champions' hopes of completing their programme with an undefeated record. Hemel Hempstead might have won with less to spare than their 95-83 win suggests had Sanson not got involved with the referee. Alan Richardson, four minutes from the end. Claiming unsuccessfully that he had been fouled in the act of shooting by Pace, Samson was further incensed when the official promptly awarded Pace two foul shots after being fouled by White. Air Richardson alleged that he was then "brushed" by Samson, whose case will be dealt with shortly by the EBBA's rechnical

sub-committee.
Pace (38) and White (33) finished as the game's top scorers. Birmingham will doubtless be grateful if they avoid Hemel Hempstead on Wembley's first nicht, Sunderland, who are Bir-mingham's more likely first opponents, beat Stockport 85-67 in their penultimate league game, although Martin (34) was his usual accurate self for the losers.

Badminton

#### have to miss triangular match By Richard Streeton

Sweden starting today at Preston.
Prakash, who wrenched a knee at
Gloucester on Sunday in a match
against England, had treatment at
the Preston North End football
ground, but a slight hamstring
strain was diagnosed and he was
advised to rest for two or three
days.

on the Arrived pitch in an important game.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: J. Luke (Leeds United), D. Thomas (Coventry Registry), T. Enwick (Queed's Park Registry), T. Enwick (Queed's Park Registry), G. Shaw (Aston Villa), C. Johnston (Middleshrough), L. Charman (Stoke City), S. Memahon (Evarion), D. Hodeson (Middleshrough), Schetjintes: Nesford (Black-sool), Pashann (Norwich City), P. Goddard (West Ham United), M. Proctor (Middleshrough), M. Proctor (Middleshrough), Republic Of Reland United), M. Proctor (Middleshrough), M. Republic Of Reland United), M. Republic Of Reland United), M. McDonach (Sobemins), J. Anderson (Presion North End), H. Hughlon (Orient), R. Whesa (Liverpool) H. Atkinson (North End), H. McConsor (Consor Atkinson), J. Anderson (Presion K. Shidner), T. Donevan (Aston Villa), A. McGee (Presion North End). Anthong the senior manager, chester the composition of the team, Mr Sexton awarded the capitality to Fenwick. "Terry was my choice because I think he will make a hocos of the senior manager, chester the composition of the team, Mr Sexton work and the capitality to the capitality to

> Prakash, Padukone, the All-England champion, is out of the Indian team for the two-day men's triangular match with England and

Prakash's withdrawal is obviously Prakash's withdrawal is obviously a great blow to India's hopes of winning the tournament, which has prize money of £5,000 and is sponsored by Crest Hotels, Having just been beaten 5—0 by England in an international series, the Indians are hoping to restore confidence and presige. Sanjay Sharma will repace Padukone in singles and doubles.

singles and doubles.

Egland without their women's singles and doubles players are not nearly so strong in a team event. Ray Stevens, the national champion, is still absent through injury, and England's four singles representatives must be as young a team as they have ever had, with Jolly, aged 21. Goode, 20, and Raddeley and Vales both 19. and Baddeley and Yates, both 19.
Michael Tredgett, who is just the wrong side of 30, brings up the average age, and he and Jolly play the doubles together.

Sweden probably have the best chance of emerging overall winners as they have a far more experienced team, including Sture
Johnsson and Thomas Kihlstrom,
than either of their rivals. The
players are split into four roundaching groups of these in singles. with the group winners meeting in the semi-final round. The doubles is a straightforward draw event. Play starts at 6.0 tonight and tomorrow there are two sessions starting at 1.0 and 6.30.
(England, P. Gongey (India) and C. (England), P. Ganqui (Mais) and C.
Singles: Group one: S. Sharma
(India), S. Karisson (Sweden), A.
Goode (England): Two: S. Johnson
(Sweden), S. Baddeley (England) and
V. Singh (India): three: K. Jolly
(England), P. Ganqui (India) and
(North (Sweden): four: T. Kinistrom
(Sweden), S. Mod (India) and N.
Yoley (England).



Charmed circle: Oxford University survived this goalmouth scramble at Lord's yesterday.

# Degree of desperation helps Cambridge share honours By Sydney Friskin Oxford 2 Cambridge 2 Honours were divided in the University match at Lord's yester-day, with Oxford and Cambridge the will have been richer but for the brilliant saves of the grainal oxford took the lead again. The Cambridge goalkeeper was been so the grainal oxford took the lead again. The Cambridge goalkeeper was worn last year by complete the support of the production of the produc

By Sydney Friskin
Oxford 2
Cambridge 2
Honours were divided in the
University match at Lord's yesterday, with Oxford and Cambridge
sharing the Sun Life Bowl after
a thrilling finish to a splendid
game. The last drawn match in
the series occurred in 1974, when
no goals were scored.

no goals were scored.

Until half a minute before the end, Oxford scemed to have had the match safely fucked away, and victory, had they held out, would have been well deserved. They had almost complete control of the second half, with Tanner

playing his best game of the season in midfield.

But Cambridge, when all seemed lost, provided a fairy-tale ending. They brought on Gregory to replace Merttens for the purpose, as we imagined, of earning his as we imagined, of earning his Blue. His centre from the left, delivered in forlorn hope, sent three Cambridge men in pursuit, and after the ball had twice been DOUBLES: First round: Ribistront and Karlsson, Press round: Ribistront and Karlsson, Press round: Ribistront and Karlsson, Press round: Sharing and U. Sharing and Gargeii v Nordin and L. Sharing and Gargeii v Nordin and L. Both teams, who kept the game livesphery (England): bys.

keepers, particularly from corners. Oxford's drill at short corners was more effective, and it was Westcott. not Gordon, who did Cambridge were unsuccessful

with a string of short and long corners before Oxford took the lead in the eighth minute. A free hit by Precious sent Shrimmon away on the right and his centre was well picked up by Blackett, who drove a superb shot past Long. The Cambridge goalkeeper survived a severe test in the 13th survived a severe test in the 13th minute, when he stopped a hard shot by Westcott from a short corner. It was fortunate for him that Westcott's shot on the follow-

The Cambridge goalkeeper was penalized for a dangerous kick, and Westcott converted the short and Westcott converted the short corner. This was the beginning of a long period of Oxford ascendancy, with Tanner coming into his own. Their defenders were quick enough to rush out from the line and smother several shots from corners by Dodds, who was again the best of the Cambridge defenders. defenders

Oxford continued to attack so strongly that it would have been on surprise had they scored again.

Precious set up another chance in
the twenty-fourth minute for
Blackett, and Cambridge were
penalized for stick obstruction to provide Oxford with yet another short corner. Westcott's shot was hard and true, but Locke saved Cambridge had the larger share of the corners before the interval. Their midfield was inspired mainly by Diamond, who started a move which brought the equalizer in the 23th minute. Cowar came forward in support, and made the opening short corner. Westcott's shot was short corner. Westcott's shot was hard and true, but Locke saved and true, but Locke saved their last chance when Dodds their

which was won last year by Cambridge.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: N. J. Haddork ist Edward's and St. Edmund islall: J. Gurden (Kineston is and lincoln). A. Jenner (Tonbridge and little). Gurden (Kineston is and lincoln). A. Jenner (Tonbridge and little). A. Jenner (Tonbridge and little). A. Jenner (Tonbridge and little). A. Jenner (Michael House, Nalal and University). R. S. Tanner (Hasting's MGS and Christicherse's). Weybridge, and Trinity). H. W. Hlarken (Si Edward's and Christicherse's). S. Lawiese. St Edward's and Christing (Weilington and Hard's and Edward's Calberton and St. Kingston GS and St. Catherine's, D. A. Dodds (Kingston GS and St. Catherine's, D. Montelled (Hishops Stortfort and Pembrike'). C. Althore Christine's, J. J. Manelled (Hishops Stortfort and Pembrike'). C. Althore Catherine's, D. J. Montelled (Hishops Stortfort and Pembrike'). R. W. Merthers, M. Christine's, T. J. Walker (Stewart's MGM). Stortfort and Pembroke's R. W. Merthers, M. Stortfort and Rawa Singh (Middan Gountles):

Miss Stevens retires Johannesburg, Feb 24.—Greer Stevens, South Africa's most suc-cessful women's tennis player, announced today that she is retir-ing. Miss Stevens, aged 24 and plagued by injury since badly damaging her left knee two years ago, made the announcement less than two weeks after her wedding to a South African farmer, Kevin Leo-Smith.

MEXICO CITY: Men's singles, first round. M. Davis 1US beat 5. Itali (Australia) 5-66 6-66 for membrilis; Men's Singles, first round membrilis; Men's Singles, first round for membrilis; Men's Singles, first round for membrilis; Men's Singles, first round for membrilis; Mayer, 7-66 12, Mayer, 7-66 1, Mayer, 7-66 1, Mayer, 7-66 1, Mayer, 7-66 1, Mayer, 7-67 1, Mayer, Mayer, Mayer, 6-5, Mayer, Mayer, Mayer, Mayer, 6-5, Mayer, May

Today's fixtures ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: SOUTHERN LEAGUS: Midland divi-sion: Wellingborough v Barry Town. Southern division: Addiestone and Wey-bridge v Cantorbury: Waterlooville v Saltsbury. Satisbury: Third round replay:
FA TROPHY: Third round replay:
Worcester City w Hashings Laited.
WELSH CUP: Fifth round replay:
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### Latest European snow reports

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Light snowfall, more expected
In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

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able.

The Scots were well served by O'Rourke, an elusive centre, though his best run in the second balf was wasted when he wandered back infield with his wing unmarked outside him. Goudie, Dodds and Holstein were the pick of a well-beaten pack that never surrendered, Holstein, injured in the eighty-first minute of the match, was taken off on a stretcher and replaced by Stewart.

Grant mened the scoring with

Grant opened the scoring with a penalty for the Scots but naive defence encouraged the bustling. Jeffrey to break from the hill of the line and slip the ball to Emeruwa, who scored for Parker, the scrum half, to convert. Grant's second penalty was followed by two penalties for the English from Parker. The interval lead of 16—6 came from a try on the left wing

came from a try on the left wing by Thomas after a crisp break in

the centre by Carr.

Fifteen minutes after half-time the Scots were still in touch—just—with spirited forward play. A crucial stage came when Jeffrey was late-tackled and the solid lenderson scored from the tap punalty. After this the Scots defence, if not their courage, distregarded.

Unsworth split their defeace and linked with Parker, the lock

the centre by Carr.

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**Scots** 

By Steve Elliott

## Rugby Ome. London may move festival to Richmond

By Peter Wesr Rugby Correspondent

The London clubs' rugby festival, which has started off their season for the past two years first at Wembley and then at Twickenham—may be switched to yet another venue and played on a Sanday rather than a Saturday, provided that new sponsors can be found.

The experiment last September The experiment last September of playing early matches on the smooth memorial ground in the norming was not an unqualified access. But the RFU, who are oncerned to protect their pitch, are declined to allow the remisers to stage all the games in the national ground, and they re unwilling to supply it for use in a Sunday. ı a Sunday.

So the London clubs are think-ig now of playing their third purnament at Richmond Athletic ound on the second Sunday in eptember. If it were staged seven tys earlier, it would conflict with the Harlequins sevens which is an cablished and popular event in

trablished and popular event in town right.

The brewers, Charrington & 1, have, with some reluctance, lindrawn their support. They it up £20,000 at first last Septober but I understand they ished un being considerably ore generous. The tournament at wickenham attracted an attennee of about 7,000.

The reconstituted senior clubs b-committee of the RFU is setting in London this evening der the chairmanship of Ken japman, a former president of

ianman, a former president of e Union. It appears that at least if of its membership—from bodon and the Midlands—is lied in a determination to conne with merit tables rather an with the club-league system oposed in the Burgess report d now due for further investiga-n by the RFU competitions sub-

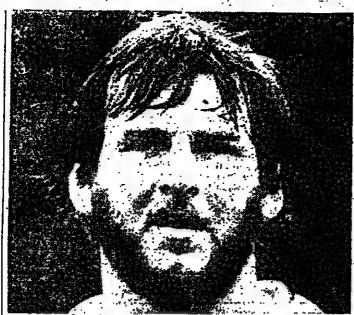
mmittee. The members of the committee the Britists of the Continues of the Con

#### int winners

yon Parry and Steve McDevitt, o are 15, are joint winners of Coventry-Godiva Supporters' b Bursary award. They will be wided with equipment worth

tournament, organized by slyn Park, were announced creday by Derek Tanner, the

crday by Derek lamer, the y's sevens mastermind. chools beaten in the first nd of the Open have passed to the plate competition: If y falled again there, they had



Tom Smith, a threat to Cuthbertson in senior side.

### Dods has a chance to claim a Scotland cap

By Peter West By Peter West
Tom Smith, the towering Gala, lock forward who won 26 caps for Scotland at basketball and was a reserve in the Calcutta Cup match, last weekend, has been chosen to play at lock in the B international against France at Ayr on Saturday week.

day week.

The side includes only two men.

-the full back Peter Dods; and a wing, Roger Baird—who played for Scotland in their successful B-matches against Ireland and France last season. It will be capazing by the stranging Mat. captained by the strapping Wat-sonian centre, Ewan Kennedy, Duncan Wilson, of Borough-muir, who is 29, has been recalled muir, who is 29, has been recalled to play at stand-off half in his first B game since 1977. He had a fine match for Edinburgh against the All Blacks in October 1979, but has been unable to command a regular club place this season. The shrewd Heriot's centre, Harry Burnett, will also be making his first B appearance for four years. Burnett was captain in a losing cause against Ireland in 1977.

tain in a losing cause against Ire-land in 1977.
Smith, Kennedy, Burnett and Dods will all have something special to play for before the velectors choose their senior team for their last international, against ireland at Murraylield, on March 21. Smith, but for an injury in the trial, would have won senior honours in Paris, The gallant

losslyn Park change schools sevens

'eter Marson to changes in the format of national schoolboys sevenational schoolboys sevenational schoolboys sevenational schoolboys sevenation of park, were announced irday by Derek Tanner, the societal sevenation in the first dof the Open have passed to the plate competition: If falled again there, they had choice but to pack their and head for home. With sense, and mindful of the y expenses incurred by a schools will have taken part in 499 matches.

In last year's competition Sean Party-Jones, Llandovery's captain of rugby and cricket, dislocated his neck in a tackle in a match.

Cuthbertson had a hard time of it at Twickenham against Beaumopt at the front of the line out, and the selectors may bring in Smith to jump at number four and move Tomes to number two. There may be renewed pressure at the selectors' meeting for a switch of positions between Irvine and Hay, or for the move of 'trvine to the wing and the introduction of Dods at full back. Dods kicked four important goals in the B internationals last season.

The selectors may also make a The selectors may also make a change of centre to suffice the midfield defence. David Johnston, who won four caps last season, is fit again and obviously a strong contender. But Burnett and Kennedy will not feel their cause is yet lost. Burnett has had a good season for Heriot's and Edinburgh. Kennedy now has to expling the memories of an unhappy trial in which he was demoted from the senior side at half time.

demoted: from the senior side at half time.

SCOTLAND 8 fy France B at Ayr.
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The possibility of racing at

and linked with Parker, the lock forward, for Bennett to score under the posts. The other Parker converted. Thomas snapped up a drop pass and scampered in from 60 yards. Smith scored the final-try from another break by Carr and the Scots must have appreciated the final whistle. ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES; J. Una-worth (Liverpool): S Smith Lian-caster) J. Eagle (Mull. J. Cart (Bristol), D. Thomas (Nottingham), R. Revan (Durham), P. Parker (Man-Chester); C. Collina (Loughborough), J. Johnson (Durham), S. Hondorson (Durham), M. Planesar (Excler), R. Parker (Newcasile), N. Bennel (Man-chester), F. Emeruwa (Manchester), J. Jeffrey (Newcasile). boys injured in similar accidents. Joiling (Newcastle).

SCOTTISM UNIVERSITIES: P. Grant (Aberdoen); G. MacGokheen (Strain-lyde) N. Stronach (Reriot-Watt).

O'Rourie (Abordoen); H. Murray (Abordoen); P. Heaney Dundee); A. McKay (Dundee); J. Small (Abrigen); H. Riichle (Edinburgh); G. Lina (Aborjeen); K. Gunde (Abordoen); R. Prossar (Dundek); Nicol (Edinburgh); S. Dadis (Heriot-Wait).

R. Holstein (Abordoen); rep. M. Stowart, String); Already the charity has been underwritten for £25,000 and next Sunday the club are to hold their Sunday the club are to hold their first fund-raising activity, a charity festivel day, which will include a match between Rosslyn-Park's first XV and a-medical XV, captained by the Eritish Lion, John O'Driscoll, ROSSLYM PARK! P. Bate: R. Sainter, N. Anderson, S. Finskor, S. Tiddy: J. Asser. Poet Scrimers, Acktord, P. de Lacey, N. Maniell A. Ripley Accessin) R. Monitgomery, MEDICAL XV! C. Raiston (Bath): C. McDonald (Lendon, Scottish), M. Green-Wilshi, M. Green-Wilshing (London) Walshi, M. Green-Wilshing (London) Walshing (London) Walshing

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### Faldo rolls on as Lyle | Los Angeles to stage rocks with the rabbits

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From Frank Hannigan New York, Feb 24

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The seven-week western segment of the American professional golf tour ended in Los Angeles with stark contrasts between the performances of Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo, the young Britons exploring the United States circuit this winter.

Scottish Universities played with great spirit but a lack of cobesion that was superbly epioited by a back row upon whose skill and dash the English Universities' victory was based. thus winner.

Lyle, the 1980 leader of the European order of merit, did not make a penny in three outlings. Moreover, he quickly exhausted his three special exemptions for direct entry into American events that come as fringe benefit to members of the most recent Ryder Cup team. Lyle must now prequalify, a chancy business at best and a demoralizing experience for one accustomed to success at home. Jeffrey, ironically a Scot, caught the eye most, scattering would be tacklers with abandon at No S. More unobtrusively Bennett, on the flank, showed an impressive work rate and skilful ball handling. The English made too many mistakes at scrum half—where Parker had a curate's, egg of a match—for the three-quarter line to prosper consistently, but when the Scots flagged in the closing stages, speed and talent, particularly possessed by Unsworth, Smith and Thomas, were notice-shie.

home.

Faldo, on the other hand, is alive and well, if not yet wealthy. His prize money to date—\$11,529—is not greater than his expenses, but he has proved to himself and others, that he can hold his own at the highest level of the game. The confidence he has built on this excursion is sure to make him a better player, at home and abroad. He is on what the American professionals call a "roll"—five consecutive weeks of surviving the 36-hole cur which eliminates half the field.

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This is no mean achievement for a neophyte, even one with Faldo's credentials. In fact, players like Faldo and Lyle undergo a kind of culture shock when they approach the American scene. For the most the American scene. For the most, part they so unrecognized; they are paired during the first two rounds with obscure and struggling. If they have to be aware that—heroes though they were at home—they are not even regarded as peers of the latest batch of Americans trained for the tour in American Universities as scholars of golf—like Tohn Cook, who won the 1980 Crosby tournament. Gary the 1980 Crosby cournament. Gary Hallberg, Bob Clampett and Mark O'Meara.

The American tour is structured to fevour the status quo. For those who have not yet succeeded there are formidable obstacles. Getting in a practice round on the day before a tournament is not a routine matter, because of pro-am events. Faldo finished the uluth

Orlando, Feb 24
The absence of Jack Nicklaus from the Bay Hill golf tournament, for the second year in succession, has not passed without comment here. This is Arnold Paimer's tournament, an event that has achieved such popularity since he became associated with Orlando two years ago that it ranks fourth

two years ago that it ranks fourth in the television rankings among all golf occasions and attracts 190,000 spectators during the four days of its duration from Thurs-

day to Sunday.
It is well understood that

Nicklaus is now of an age, 41, when he feels the need to ration his appearances, but all the same people here feel his failure to make the tiny hop north from his home in Palm Beach In his executive jet amounts almost to a personal struct to Palman. This

personal sum to Palmer. This might be dismissed as the small thoughts of the small-minded, were it not for the fact that

Poimer has obliquely associate himself with Nicklaus's critics.

associated.

From John Hennessy

Golf Correspondent

Nicklaus's absence is seen

as a snub to Palmer

hole of his practice round before 8 am on the day before the Los Angeles Open.

Making the 35-bole cut is the focus of every young pro's existence. Those who do make it pass directly into the field for the next event, by-passing the dreaded 18-hole Monday qualifier. At Los Angeles there were 62 players vying for only 16 places. These creatures are known as "rabbits" because they are allowed only to nibble at the tour's lettuce which, in 1981, will translate into more than \$13m in prize money.

Those who fail to qualify begin to prepage for what for most of them will be yet another in a series of blue Mondays. Their desperation intensifies as the year progresses, for unless they win a specified amount, they will be cast into outer darkness and cease to be members of the PGA tour.

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Faldo, however, has been able to protect his precious exemptions. He used (or burned) the first of the three when he arrived to play at Phoenix. Should he have an off week he is still assured of a place at the table the next week and, for that matter, the week after that, By this device he hopes to follow the American sun for two more mouths—through the to follow the American sun for two more mounts—through the Houston Open at the end of April, His primary goal was the curiously modest but precise figure of \$9,157 to earn his tour

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The other way of earning a card is as one of 25 survivors of a qualifying system which involves some 600 entraints and two separate 72-hole trials. This is to be avoided if possible. Young players with great amateur records who have since won on the tour, such as Curtis Strange and John Fought, failed to win their cards at the qualifying schools at least once. The rejects six around for six months until another qualifying opportunity dawns. Their thoughts are not sanguine.

As a card-carrying member of the American tour, Faldo is not entitled to a starting place in any given tournament. But no longer is he restricted to appearances in 10 American competitions in one calendar year. He is now a dual citizen of golf: four months in the United States at the start of each year and then home for the European tour beginning in May.

# women's marathon

Los Angeles, Feb 24.—Women will run an Olympic marathon for the first time at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, the president of the organizing committee, Peter Ueberroth, said here last night. The decision to hold the event, which will be separate from the men's marathon but run over the same course, was made by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board at the start of two days' talks at the site of the 1984 Games.

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Two Olympic villages catering for a total of 8,000 people are to be set up at two universities here, but 12,000 athletes and officials are expected and a third village might have to be set up, particularly if some events are held a long way from Los Angeles. Mr Ueberroth said his organizing committee was considering a proposal to hold canoeing and rowing events in Seartle, Washington, about 1,000 miles north of Los Angeles. The IOC refused the International olympic to run as spartan Olympic and the sates for United States Government services will be available to assist in the running of the 1984 Games."

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that the best women runners could
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of 50 miles or more. Referring to
the performance of Grete Waitz,
of Norway, women's winner of the
1980 New York marathon in a time
of Zhr 25min 41sec, Mr Ueberroth
said: "That time would have won
the gold medal in all men's
Olympic marathons until 1952."
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and women's marathons separately The decision to run the men's and women's marathons separately was made oin spite of the view of the International 9mareur Athletic Federation, the controlling body of track and field, who favoured them competing in the same race, with separate placings at the finish. The marathons will be run in August, at the height of the summer, when the Los Angeles

about 1,000 miles north of Los Angeles.

The IOC refused the International Volleyball Federation's request to increase the number of competing teams in 1984 from 18 to 20 an dalso turned down a request for an additional boxing weight category.

Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italy) and Fallun (Sweden) have applied to stage the 1988 winter Games, and Athens, Nagoya (Japan) and Seoul have applied to stage the summer Games. Melbourne has also applied for the summer Games, but it was reported from Canberra today that the Australian Cabinet have decided not to give financial support to their bid. The hosts will be selected at the next IOC congress, in West Germany, in September.—Agencies.

#### Boxing

#### New rival for Cowdell at Wolverhampton

Pat Cowdell, the British featherweight boing champion, will meet an Argentine, Madesto Gome, at Wolverhampton on Monday, March 8. The 26-year-old Gomez, based in Spain, takes the place of the world No 1, Bashew Sibaca, who pulled out after be had been given the opportunity of a world championship contest in South Africa next month.

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Gomes, known as the "Bull", has fought 11 times in the last year. The highlight of that spell was to go the distance over 10 rounds with the European champion, Roberto Castanon. When asked for his first thoughts after being told that Nicidaus had decided to miss the tournament again, Palmer said: "I didn't really have any. I really didn't think Jack was going to play anyway. That's why I was very cautious about what I said. If I really told you what I was thinking you wouldn't believe it. That wouldn't do me or Jack any good.

pion, Roberto Castanon.

t was announced in California
that Rafzel Limon, of Mexico, who
won the World Boxing Council
junior lightweight championship in
December, will definitely make his
first title defence against Cornelius
Bozz-Edwards, of Britain, at the
Stockton Civic Auditorium on
March 8.

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The other important absentee here is Johnny Miller. Miller has won, two tournaments this year and stands at the head of the United States money list, but there is no personal rivairy and this event does not fit into his schedule of playing in only every other tournament.

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#### Tennis

#### Student beats Miss Wade in first round

Seattle, Feb 24.—Kathleen Cummings, an American university student, beat Virginia Wade, of Britain, in the first round of a \$150,000 tournament here last night. Miss Cummings, aged 19, lost the first set to love but took the next set after a tel-break, in which she won seven points in a row after dropping the first, and finally won 0—6, 7—6, 6—3.

Tracy Austin, who told tourna-

PERTH: Exhibition matches ration unless satisfat; K. Robot R. Lavor, &-6, 6-1, 7-Borg (Swedon; and V. Gerulajis best P. McNamara and A. Roche, 6-7, 7-6.

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#### 'arwick selections

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## Big day for Ballywackmacroo

Hanringdon seemed remote vester-day morning o nthe top of nearby Long Hill at Newmarket. The sun was shiming but the ground was frozen and the horses were canwas suming but the ground was. Irozen and the horses were cantering on the all-weather gallop. Bruce Hobbs was watching his Tolmi, his 1,000 Guineas candidate at work. Tolmi, yet another winning product of that amazing mare, Stilvi, had a premature end to her two-yesr-old career after beating Kitryhawk in the Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot. The filly then jarred a joint and did not appear again. "Tolmi is 100 per cent again now", Hobbs said. Henry Cecil, Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani were also cancelling their strings. Walter Swindung, Stoute's new jockey was riding out for the first time since his return from India a week ago. At the age of 19, Swindurn has been, given the biggest challenge worms rider has faced since and

his return from India a week ago. At the age of 19, Swimburn has been given the biggest chailenge a young rider has faced since Pat Eddery was appointed first jockey to Peter Walwyn. Swimburn's six winners in India included a victory in the Indian Republic Cup The go-ahead was given at Huntingdon after an 11.30 inspection. The first person I met on the course was Dan Sheppsord. My apologies are due to the former senior handicapper whom I described as being dead last week. Mr Sheppand is still alive and kicking and is a steward at Huntingdon. He also plans to visit Wincauton, on Thursday to watch Martie's Anger, the American horse trained by his son, Jonathan, who has his first puting in this country in the Kingwell Pattern hurdle. Tim Forster said yesterday that Bob Davies had been engaged to ride Martie's Anger in all his races.

The highlight of the afternoon's racing was a rreble of just under 144 to 1 by Steve Smith Eccles. This forceful jockey has neverbeen in more dynamic mood. He won two races for Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, the Ward Hill Top Table Hurdle on Ballywackmacroo and the handicap hurdle. sponsored by the same firm on the top weight, Killer Shark. The finishes to both races had finerowd roaring, as in each case the winning margin was only a short head. Smith Eccles's first victory had been gained on Izzyfast in the Graveley Selling Handicap.

Sedgefield

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2 45 13.16+ MARRY LANE HURDLY
(Handles): 1955 2.4m)

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—Luna (A. Fawcett), 5-10-10

Mr T. Esskerby 19-1), 1.



tain John jumps the last to win the Jim Holden Chase

Ballywackmacroo is owned by Mrs Jim McCaughey and was bought by David Minton of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency from the Flat at Leicester early last season. The witner put up a tough and genuine performance and has now earned a tift at the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. "We're staying with David Nicholson for Cheltenham" Pritchard-Gordon said, "so we can have some fum with him about Broadsword."

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3 15 (3.46) BRANSPETH CHASE (Mandicap 1.219: 21ml) (Sanucap 1,219; 2°,87)

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Feloce Royal . Mr H. Tate (13-1) 2

Amazon Ruler

Mrs. C. S. Ree; (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 189. places, 129, 149.

4.45 (5.36) BILLINGHAM HURDLE (Div. II: Novices 2345, 2m) FUTE B B by Royalin-Impallence (Hyde Holdings Lid) 1-10-0 Geoper Tinsell 1, M. Remes (5-1) 2 Villion Beaces J. A. Harris (9-2) 3 TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 65p, 25p, 39p; Daal F. Cl. 31 CSP; £1.55, M. W. Essterby, Sherrif Hutton, 81, 31, After Share (65); 41, 17 ran, PLACEPOT; £382,50,

#### Catterick Bridge card

good.

Palmer said that he had not decided whether to play in Nicklaus's Memorial tournament in May. "At this point I haven't really made any plans. That is a heavy week for me. I have a President's ball at Latrobe and another commitment on the Tuesday of that week. I may not play because of that ".

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3 0002 Ladies Man (B, D), W. Clay, 6-11-5 Eillott 5
5 0000 Fendeon (D), J. Bingham. 9-10-13 Fister 5
6 1310 Pretty Bey Floyd (D), G. Lockerble, 8-10-10
7 -2060 Malcolma Pride, A. Smith. 7-20-10 Stringer 8
8 0000 Spanish Hendful, R. Stubbs, 6-10-9 Match 5
10 0132 Warren Gorse (CD), H. Floration, 7-10-6
Avery 5 

3-1 Scalegation. 4-1 Pretty Boy Floyd, 5-1 Ladies Man. 11-3 Warren Gorse, 8-1 Malcolms Pride, 10-1 Spanisi Bandful, 12-1 My Siar Hesser, 16-1 others. 2.45 BRETTANBY CHASE (Handicap: £2,155:

7 1940 Rigorous (CD, B), Mrs J, Simpson, 10-10-10
8 202p Caidbeck (CD), D. MacDonald, 11-10-7 Grant 5
12 0040 High Rebei (CD), R. Browis, 9-10-3 Lamb 7
13 0040 High Rebei (CD), R. Robinson, 10-10-0 Tuck 9
13 0030 Bayon Mignon, R. Belhell, 11-10-0 . — 10
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16 0070 Silver Mount, G. Lockorbio, 10-10-0 . Balmer 15
2-1 Song of Life, 100-30 Current Gold, 5-1 Caldbeck, 16
7-1 Reportus, 8-1 Devon Mignon, 10-1 General Brane, 17
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Catterick Bridge selections

By Michael Seely

Life, 3.15 Saldafore, 3.45 Lucky Rew. 4.15 Miss Wood.

Rosie's Secret. G. Lockerbic, 10-10 ... Balmer 17 0040 Saldators, D. Moriey, 10-10 ... B. R. Davies 18 p Supreme Aute. A. Watson, 10-10 ... Tinkles 19 0220 Tarchim, S. Leaderter, 10-10 ... Barnes 21 Under the Consister, D. Lomex, 10-10 Hanson 7 3-1 Pouncies, 4-1 Saldators, 5-1 Dark Hope, 13-2 Tarchim, S. 1 Jolly Martin, 10-1 Charlio's Sumshine, 12-1 Belia Isie Walk, 16-1 others. 3.45 LEYBURN CHASE (Div I: Novices: £951:

2m) fu21 Lucky Rew (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-9 Mr McIntyro 2-132 \*Stacchio (D), D. Morley, 8-11-9
4-037 Any Second, W. Murray, 12-11-2 Browniess
4:20 Benower, R. Fisher, 6-11-2 D. Coulding
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#### Easterby takes lead for

amateur title Tim Easterby took the lead from

Paul Webber in the amateur riders' championship by landing his 16th victory when Solar Emperor beat Kilroy Manor by two lengths in the Harry Lane Memorial Handicap Hurdie at Sedgesicid yesterday. kilroy Manor led over the last, with Solar Emperor gaining the advantage on the run-in. This was another winner for the powerful Peter Easterby stable. Solar Emperor was switched from Nigel Tinkier's yard when the young Thirsk trainer lost his licence.

Michael Dickinson, the Harewood trainer, brought his score for the season to 61 with a double by Kenlis and Kyle of Lochalsh. Both were ridden by Tommy Carmody and both started favourite. Kenlis, owned by Mrs Murlel Haggas, led six fences out, and with some bold jumping, hacked up by four lengths from Easby Gold in the Branspeth Handicap Steeplechase. Kyle of Lochalsh, was made odds on for the last division of the Tow Law Novices Steeplechase and made all the running to beat Palace Royal by five lengths. Kilroy Manor led over the last,

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## A gloomy spectrum of man's inhumanity

To say that the Berlin Film Festival runs like clockwork would be an understatement, since the event was this year organized, with wonderful Ger-man efficiency, by computer, sweeping away all (or almost all) the queues and confusion

which in the past have been endemic to every major festival. But computers do not make pictures: and good films in Berlin this year were by and large as nard to seek out as needles in haystacks. It may simply be a poor vintage for films; it may be that Berlin suffers by coming too close before Cannes, with every country saving its best for the senior event. Nothing can have been helped, either, by the renewal of hostility towards the festival by the young German film-makers, who feel that the com-petition does not do all it might for the German cinema. Cer-tainly the single German com-petition entry—an arthritically lumbering absurdist morality. Erwin der Neger, by the Bava-rian director Herbert Achternbusch-did nothing at all to win friends for German cinema or the festival.

Taking the whole spectrum of

films on show (Berlin in fact comprises a series of parallel and even competitive events: as well as the competition there are the Young Film Forum, information and children's sections and a New German Cinema event), film-makers the world over seem currently haunted by the theme of man's inhumanity

the theme of man's inhumanity to his own kind.

There was, for example, a special screening of Dieter Hildebrandt's Der gelbe Stern—Die Judenverfolgung von 1933 his 1945, a documentary parallel to Holocaust, recounting the whole story of Hitler's Jewish programme. We are by now familiar with every image of the horrors filmed in the of the horrors filmed in the extermination camps. This in-telligent new presentation, how-ever, deals more fully than previous films with the prelude. In particular it presents new material on the infamous burning of the books, and Goebbels' exultation at this symbol of cultural extermination. Heine's

"Where books were burnt, humans would be burnt too."

The Jewish question came up elsewhere: in Jeanne Meerapfel's admired first feature, Malou, the chronicle of a Jewish trible ander and after Hiller. family under and after Hitler; in Rainer Werner Fassbinder's suitably lunid, founded-on-fact Lili Marleen (sic), now in its fifth week in the Berlin cinemas; and in Frans Weisz's Charlotte, a visually exquisite but structurally chaotic account of the life of Charlotte Saloman, young painter who died in a Jewish extermination camp. One of the best films in the competition, the Swiss director Markus Imhoof's The Boat is Full, puts the bizarre and terrible story of racial persecution accounts. In competition, claude content, claude cont

Simon Boccanegra

Kenneth Loveland

ARTS

Bayerische Staatsoper

Munich has profited greatly

from the instinctive partnership of Otto Schenk and Jürgen

imagined Der Rosenkavalier of

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Sreela Majumdar in Mrinal Sen's Anatomy of Famine

in a new light, incidentally and humanity.

humanity.

A little group of Jews escaping from a Nazi transport cross the border into Switzerland, and seek shelter in the village café. The proprietress is reluctantly kind; her husband is dutiful and reports the affair to the police. The local policeman is a good deal happier returning them—old men, women and children—to certain death than risking going against his book of instructions. The outstanding quality of this film, scripted by the director, is that the people the director, is that the people—
refugees and their "hosts"
alike—are viewed not as groups
but as people, with their individual unpredictability and
human failings. One scene sums
up much of what the film is
about: the café lady has given
a Jewish child a postcard to
mail the news to a friend that

mail the news to a friend that she is now safe. Afterwards, when the child has been sent back to captivity, the woman providently soaks the stamp off the card which it is now too late to send. Other forms of group oppres-

sion, less murderous perhaps but still persistent, came under scrutiny. In competition, Claude Goretta's La Provinciale por-trays a talented provincial girl (Nathalie Baye) who comes to 1973 won a corner in operatic history, still exerts its charms and will again be a pillar of the Munich Festival in July. Their Simon Boccanegra is even older, dating from 1971,

but is among the Bayerische

Staatsoper's more precious jewels, with a similar sturdy

It is undergoing a major revival in which it stands like

a monument to Schenk's gift for expressing the essentials of a work through the conflict of personalities, and to Rose's for

creating designs that blend style with atmosphere and

capacity for survival.

feminist over-reaction. shattering the conventional pic-ture of neutral Switzerland as a haven of calm sense and we're Getting Along presents a working class couple, im-prisoned by economic insuf-ficiency and ineradicable social custom which limits their rela-tionship to that of proprietor and chattel.

> The best film about feminism and race, however, was cer-tainly Connie Field's Rosie the Riveter. The title comes from a popular song of the Forties, when American women were being lured into war industry with promises and propaganda about the glamour and patriot-ism of the task and the condi-tions and prospects they would be offered.

In this fine documentary official films and March of Time "reports" are contrasted with the recollections of the women themselves—how they were underpaid, discriminated against sexually and racially, exploited, and finally sent back to the domestic ghettoes when they became an embarrassment to an over-stocked labour markets. ket. Even though it all happened nearly forty years ago, the experiences of these women me experiences of these women
—as their present-day testimony
affirms—is still very pertinent.
Apart from the lattinsic fascination of its content, the film is
also very lively and often funny
—which probably explains the
disapproval of those hard-line
faminics film maleurs who faminics

tion. These confrontations are

the recurring highlights of Schenk's production, each one telling us something new about the characters, each one an argument that holds us ab-

Schenk preserves a balance

of time and people. We detect

domestic dilemma within great events, observe idealism cutting

through the squabbling in the

council chamber as Boc-canegra's plea for unity assumes

a prophetic vision. In shaping a sense of the epic, Rose's sets,

with their Genoese loggias and

arches and distant sea vistas of

a strategy of tracts to bore the pants off. Films on homosexuality were

much to the fore; and here mo artitudes were predominantly dispirited and dispiriting. The protagonists of two Norwegian protagonists of two Norwegian films—an over-coloured story about a two-man, one-woman menage, Life and Death, and a drame of a schoolteacher wrongfully accused of raping a child, The Execution—meet violent ends at the hands of an ignorant and hostile society.

On the other hand a remark-

On the other hand a remarkable CBS documentary Gay Power—Gay Politics shows a bardly less disturbing verso to the coin. As the homosexual population of San Francisco inpopulation of San Francisco in-tion, the one-time oppressed minority (following a classical historical pattern) uses new-found civic power to introduce its own kinds of repression and revenge. Claude Farraldo's Deux Lions

au soleil, from France, is a much more carefree view of things: a farce about a homosexual couple whose exploits as muggers go farcically adrift, and who end up going straight, in every sense of the word.

The most rational and reasoning film about homosexual

life proved to be German:
Frack Ripploh's Taxi rum Clo.
which woo most hearts (as well
as the Max Ophuls Prize) in
Berlin by its easy frankness and
good humour. Ripploh, a former teacher who lost his job feminist film-makers who favour

sive orchestral playing.

The cast is a distinguished

one, headed by Piero Cap-

ouccilli's Boccanegra, a figure of authority, nobly sung and

roundly characterized, moving

easily from the affection of newly discovered fatherhood to

the fury of denunciation. Mirella Freni is an eloquent

Maria, the voice soaring richly. Nicolei Ghiaurov's Fiesco is

proudly sustained; Schenk avoids the pitfall of making him

last-minute replacement for the indisposed Veriano Luchetti. He

conveniently among the proper-

performance attended, Michael Svetlev was a

too old in the prologue.
At the performance

Schenk

on account of his sexual instincts, cheerfully accepts the
facts, grave and gay, of homosexual life, and examines the
essentially human problems of
a loving couple of incompatible
temperaments. Ripploh, playing his own leading character,
portrays himself as a sexual adventurer who cannot accommodate himself to his gentle,
loving, home-making partner.
Among films dominated by
nagging anxieties, Mrinal Sen's
Anatomy of Famine stood out
by its much larger view of cultural and social collision. An
Indian film crew arrives in a

Indian film crew strives in a remote village, where they intend to make a film about the great famine of 1943. Their attempts to recreate the anguish attempts to recreate the anguish of the past are constantly overtaken, however, by the problems of the present: suspicion, ignorance, intolerance, economic want, above all a total and inevitable failure of communication between the people from the city and their rural hosts. The film crew return to Calcutta defeated, empty-handed, confused, but very little the wiser.

Sen commits the (for him) uncheracteristic faults of being too long and sometimes obscure. This was still one of the liveliest works on show in Berlin with its vigour and its often comic juxtaposition of the worlds of reality and movie



Piero Cappuccillì

David Robinson

#### Better a live Pompey than a dead Cyril

Tricycle

Irving Wardle

I was waiting for the moment when the Women's Company would explain their cryptic title, but they never do; and, if any-thing, their Stevie Smith musical evening goes to show the opposite. From this selection from the poems it seems that, although Stevie Smith was usually quite happy, she always felt it would be more interest-ing to be somewhere else, in her coffin, for instance.

Amanda Fisk's set strikes a children's party and the no-go areas of Highgare Cemetery. There is a cheerful mess of familiar belongings framed by three funereal portals, one of them guarded by a cast-iron cat; and the evening consists

Semele St John's/Radio 3

William Mann

It was the BBC's turn on Monday to give a concert for the European Broadcasting Union. Keen, perhaps, to show off our prowess in the stylish performance of eighteenth-century music, we chose an English, dramatic, non-sacred oratorio, Handel's Semele, which John Eliot Gardiner conducted with his Monteverdi Choir, an excelhis Monteverdi Choir, an excel-lent team of principal singers, and the English Baroque Soloists as their accompanying orchestra.

The operation successfully demonstrated to listeners over-seas, I hope, that Handel's oratorios are not necessarily sanc-timonious megaliths, in the bad-old Messiah tradition, but light, elegant entertainment, with fire and pace.

and pace.

Even here, the cause is not won, as witness Mozart's operas at Covent Garden, half-stylish at best. This Semele was a cogent item of propaganda, not necessarily flag-wagging, for a decently authentic, enjoyable Handel style, life-enhancing as, in my youth, Handel under Beecham or Sargent promised losthing and boredom, not to mention dreadful singing.

British listeners could com-

British listeners could com-plain that Semele is being pushed at the expense of other equally marvellous oratories by Handel: I wrote about a Prom performance last September, though with different forces, and only one of Monday night's

Anthony Rolfe Johnson sang
"Where e'er you walk" even
more beautifully now than then,
though elsewhere he suggested
a less than ideal Lord of the Gods and supreme lover.

I could not but remember how delectable was the Semele of Felicity Lott last summer, and how vengeful Sarah Walker's Juno. Here we had Eiddwen Harrby, warmly romantic yet ideally true in "O Sleep, why dost thou leave me?" with pungent lute and organ accompaniment. Della Jones also turned her imperious alto register to splendid effect as Juno in "Hence, Iris", which she decorated as to the manner

Rolfe Johnson did grace the occasion with humour and brilliance and athletic pace in "I must with Speed", an aria in which the Lord of the Gods has to remind himself that he is not to behave fallibly. Cupid's solo, "Come, Zephyrs, come", omitted from the first performance, was rightly included, charmingly and neatly sung by Elizabeth Priday in a suitably boyish soprano voice. I must mention Nicholas

Kraemer's tactful yet spirited harpsichord playing, and the curious accident which removed the right-hand stereo chamel in the first act.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

#### largely of switchback rides between life's little pleasures and equally friendly handwaves to the grim resper.

That, it seems to me, gets the tone exactly right; and the company further illuminate their subject by splitting up the poet's different aspects between poet's different aspects between four actresses: the overpoweringly confident Clare McIntyre; the sexually outcast Marilyn Milgrom: the eccentrically genteel Susan Glanville; and Stephanie Nunn, who comes over as the eternal schoolgirl besides writing the show's music and playing it on the piano, cor anglais, and midget recorder.

The music is the making of the show. It would be hard to devise a theatrical event from the poems alone, as they are continually luring you into ex-pectations that Stevie Smith has no intention of gratifying; in particular she retreats from anything so vulgar as a punch-

Miss Nunn may be a sophisti-

No Names No Medals Jeannette Cochrane

recorder.

Despite the students, there is nothing unprofessional about the performance. In fact, Mr Smith has drawn four intensely physical and imposing performances from the central actors, performances such as rarely occur in the British theatre out-side a Steven Berkoff production. As they torture one another, exercise and practise unarmed combat they also speak Mr Smith's lines which are meant to give them separate identities reflecting the diver-

Tear/Luxon

cated musician, but what she has done here is to match the poetic naivety with her own; so that the spasmodic and irregular lines are mirrored in interrupted dance tunes, chordal doodling, and unselfconscious returns to the Victorian parlour

Most of the spoken material comes over with impish vitality; particularly when addressed to a stage partner, or when the gentle old lady shows her claws ("In the desolate night/I think only of the people I should like to bite."). But it is in the cymbal bashing finale, the operatically heightened Arthuriad, or the beaming Miss Glanville's unsmiling reprise of Just a Girl that Men Forget that the programme gets into its

Not to mention the cheerful invalid in "The Deserter", rollickingly backed up with Ketelby's Monastery Garden until she whips off her hospital shawl and discloses a picale spread inside it.

sity of class and background within the SAS. That demand-ing opening sequence is engross-ing, but Mr. Smith is shortly dramatizing his ideas and that is somewhat less compelling.

Without naming the Iranian siege, he recreates it. The four SAS men stop running and pummelling each other long enough to form the unit which breaks into the embassy. Afterwards menbased he weakened he

#### Ned Chaillet

Euan Smith is a teacher at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. He is also the author and director of No Names ... No Medals, a play which he subtitles "A Story of the SAS". More than a story of the Special Air Service, it is a conjecture about the siege of the Iranian Emhassy and its effects on the soldiers who attacked it so successfully. For the purposes of more dramatic conjecture, he has recruited students from RADA to perform his play at the Jeannetta Cochrane Theatre.

wards, weakened by the presence of a woman and the memories of a comrade killed in Northern Ireland, one member cracks. The rest of the team knock him into shape the woman holds them at supposint woman holds them at gunpoint woman holds them at gunpoint and asks what kind of people they are and they reunite by drinking champagne with their controller, a man with a remarkable presence named Max

Arthur.

Mr Smith's play is not boring, but it lacks the moral rigour and intensity of Tom Kempinski's related play, Flashpoint. It is neither fiction enough nor documentary enough to be anything other than ambiguous. Although the SAS characters remain unnamed, I can tell you the actors' names. They are Colum Convey, Paul McGann, Bruce Payne and Craig Pinder, and in two months they will be looking for professional work.

Sadler's Wells

#### Hilary Finch

The parlow palm, which, with the aspidistra, has become familiar vegetation for Robert Tear and Benjamin Luxon, returned to the desert on Mouday as the setting for a song that spun the spell of a nineteenth-century far Arabia. It was one of the high points in an evening of Victorian "Adventure on Land and Sea", the first of three entertainments by Tear and Luxon as part of a week of concerts at the Wells.

The fact that Benjamin Luxon had sung "The Desert" only once before doubtless accounted for the sharper edge of true vocal and dramatic adventure it had over some of the evening's more familiar dimies. The recital as a whole showed

that, even for such seasoned evening whose music making, balladeers, it is never quite as to paraphrase one from whose easy as it seems, a century later, to recreate those songs artfully and panache the trio can still without resorting to the aid of learn, was not quite serious either scented nostalgia or a enough not to be taken cynical mockery masked in high seriously.

camp. Not that Tear and Luxon ever quite fall into either of those traps; but on Monday there was, particularly in duets like "List the convent bells", too much enervating vocal gushing and clicked gesture. Mr Tear was the guittier party, relying too much on woo-

party, relying too inten of wooding by gesture alone; how much more effective was his singing when he let the words and music speak more for themselves in Dibdin's "Tom Bowling" and "The Snowy Breasted Pearl", both sung with elegance and firmly sustained tone. Mr Luxon's "Wreck of the Hesperus" showed what at a

Hesperus" showed what, at a performing level, could said should be done: as in his accompanied recitation, "Den McGrew", he took care to build and sustain the narrative compellingly through the blending of a wide range of colours in his vocal palette, helped not a little by John Constable, who touched in the details with disarming nonchalance. Elsewhere his playing tended

to be a little prim: that was not without its effect in an combination of sophistication and panache the trio can still

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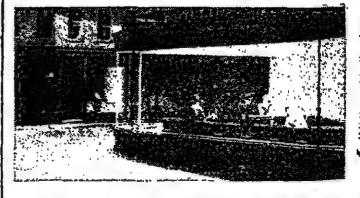
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#### relevance. In an interview on this page in January, 1975, Schenk stated a preference for expressing his ideas through singing actors rather than by dealing with concepts. He might have cited Simon Baccanegra in illustration. People is what this production is about and they are a maritime republic, play a BALLS' substantial part. Munich's production now gains from a conductor who duction is about, and they are thrust forcefully into a reveal-ing focus with a sharp identity lives & music clearly agrees with Schenk about the positioning of emphasis, for it is precisely in It is, of course, an opera ideally suited to his purpose. the accompaniment to the duets

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#### Book review-

Choiseul

Vol. I, Father and Son, 1719-54 By Rohan Butler

(Oxford, £48)

Do you enjoy ample leisure? Do you live quietly in the country with little or no social life? Is your library your favourite room and, above all, does your library chair possess one of those excellent book rests that swivel from an arm? And is your passion history?—good old-fashioned history that moves inexorably from day to day, month to month, year to year? If so, buy this enormous book it will last you for weeks and it will rarely fail to entertain. Mr Rohan Butler has written

half a million words and so far he has dealt with the social and political apprenticeship Choiseul and with most, though far from all, of his father's life (he died in 1789). When the book ends, Choiseul is about to enter his long years as the dominant minister of France locked in a far-flung struggle for empire with Britain; in-deed, having experienced Mr Butler's technique over 1.000 pages, it is unthinkable that he could get through these later years without writing another million words, possibly more. Mr Butler is a leisurely

writer who loves detail. When he describes Stainville (the home of Choiseul's family) he writes charmingly of the pear trees, giving their names, and takes us through the field names, the dependent villages, the woods and copses page after page, like the setting of nineteenth century novel. When a character enters the narrative, the complex genealogies of the French aristocracy are carefully delineated so that we shall not confuse our Bassompièrres nor fail to recall

that the only son of one was possibly dead. Indeed the book is so endlessly discursive, that readers with little leisure will get impatient with it. A pity if they do. It is a book to give one-self to as, in the main, the detail is fascinating. Mr Butler has a very sharp eye for the foibles of human nature yet a warm and sympathetic compassion and in an odd way, he possesses considerable narrative possesses considerable narrative skill—nor overall narrative skill—the main thread is Choiseul who can vanish as easily as the main channel of the Niger in its Delta, only to reappear broad and strong pages and pages later, but each chapter, each section of a chapter, is usually well done and well written, although here Mr Butler has his idiosync-Mr Butler has his idiosync-racies. Mostly the book is written in easy-flowing, man-darin English but occasionally a word of almost shocking col-loquialism obtrudes, like loquialism spunk".

The story which Mr Butler has to tell is not fashionable in historical circles—a tale of diplomacy, much of it arid whether or not Lorraine should join the Quadruple Alliance or of wars long forgotten, such as the taking of Prague by the Marshal Saxe in which Choiseul (then Stainville) played an in-significant and obscure part.

Wherever Choiseul's many commitments take him, we follow even though the records have scarcely a hint of what he was up to. Curiously enough this wast book is not based on a rich family archive. Had one existed, this surely would have become the longest book in the world. The major Choiseul source in this volume is the Choiseul Memoirs, printed long ago, but the manuscript now

traced and authenticated by Mr Butler. And what pictures emerge of father and son? Not, oddly chough, very vivid pictures.

The father, the Marquis de Stainville, was a competent, persistent minor diplomat looking after the affairs, most of the time, of not very significant minor princes: nevertheless a wife of pungent temperament. They lived busy, subfusc lives of the minor aristocracy of the minor aristocracy hardworking, reasonably cultivated, well connected, with nostril well open for the whiff of possible patronage — an admirable background for their gifted son, if somewhat dim to read about.

Choiseol himself was very able, socially admir sexually able, socially adroit, sexually adventurous, especially with intelligent duchesses who might further his career; he possessed

a real love of painting and early in life began to collect Dutch pictures which, however, was also in the main stream of aristocratic fashion. Like so many politicians of putstanding ability he was a man who responded deeply to human beings and to the expression of humanity in art and literature. And yet in spite of his delight in power and his unquenchable asure in the arts of love, he retained a detachment that was the result of his overwhelming ambition. Nothing displays the cool calculation of his tempera-ment more than his marriage, at the age of thirty-one, to an heiress of twelve. Alas, in this volume, he is more often out of

His triumphs and disasters as the leading minister of France in the difficult years of the mid-eighteenth century will, presumably, be the theme of the next million words from Mr Butler's pen. Let us hope that he does not become more loquacious with age. However if you can afford it and have the leisure, give yourself up to volume one-you will be amply,

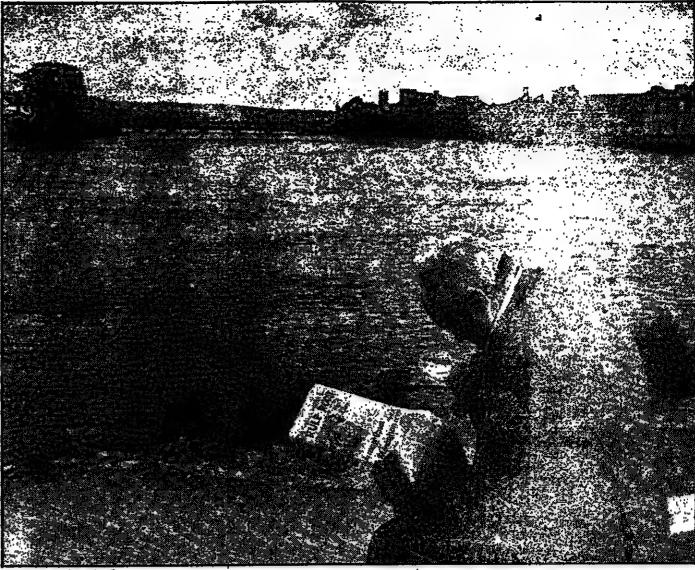
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Contrasting views of Limerick, south-west Ireland. The busy central area of the most important city in the Republic after Dublin and Cork. Right: looking across the River Shannou towards the city.

## Dublin Castle talks elevated relations with Britain to a new plane

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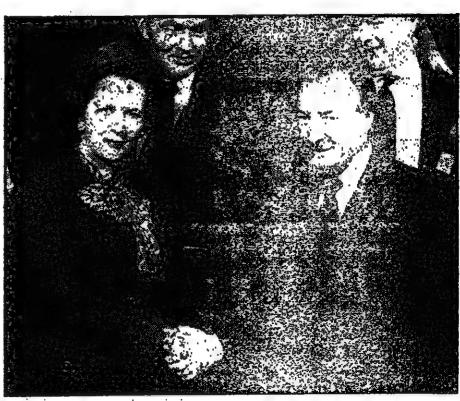
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Thatcher gave him the joint include, membership of the communique with all its Commonwealth. Just what innuendoes and he gave her that means in practice has not been discovered but, in

are over.

In Dublin there is a general feeling that Mr Haughey will sweep the board in the general election, but some cautionary notes ought to be sounded. The economy is in a shambles, and Fine Gael repeatedly gives warning that the country may in a few years find itself appealing to the International Monetary Fund.

The attitude of the hardpressed farmers is not nearly is their voting patterns might that the upset this time by the international their voting patterns might the political difficulties it can be deaders appears to the two leaders appears as possible in the hope of the two leaders appears to the two leaders appears as possible in the hope of the two leaders appears to the two leaders appears as possible in the two leaders appears to the two leaders appears as possible in the fol



Mrs Thatcher and Mr Charles Haughey meet at Dublin Castle for talks.

## Business inexperience the curse of the little man

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## Black and white supplement.



## Farm incomes show sharp drop

.The price paid for a woman slave in ancient Ireland was three milk cows, which proves either that milk cows were held in high esteem, or that women slaves were held in low esteem. Either way, it proves that cows formed a central part of Irish society, 'and to that extent nothing has changed. The Irish dairy industry is of central im--portance to the economy, directly employing 73,000 people and able to brag that it is responsible for about 15 per cent of Ireland's total exports.

50 what is good for milk is good for Ireland and it must be regarded as serious indeed when milk production takes a drop. The overriding agricultural story in Ireland "Jast year was the drop, compared with 1979, of 2.5 per cent in the amount of milk the cooperatives received for turning into butter, cheese and other dairy products.

The enormity of that simple statistic is best illusimple statistic is best interest and statistic is seriated by recalling the buge expansion of the dairy industry after Ireland acceded to the European Community.

Almost every year dairy farmers were gleefully responting that milk production was striding ahead by an was striding ahead by an average of 9 per cent each

in 1979. Then came the minus sign for the first time since

Dairy farmers rightly regard themselves as the elite of Irish agriculture. In addition to servicing about 24 advanced cooperative processing factories they spend large amounts of money.

In order to maintain their delicate females to high standards, dairy farmers inyest huge sums in machinery to make feed, spread a lot of fertilizer to grow the feed. build enormous sheds to keep the cattle warm in the winter, buy antibiotics and employ veterinary surgeons, and buy fors of meal to improve milk yields. The ar all-round contribution to the per cent over the previous · Itish economy, therefore, is

So when the dairy industry halt. It is not just the dairy starts to suffer, everybody farmers, therefore, who have



Ploughing a straight fur- general row in the Irish national gloom, championships.

Wexford, closed last year and many others laid off large numbers of employees.

Farm building firms had one of their worst years in 1980. Fertilizer usage fell 12 year, and the four-year boom enjoyed by the feed com-panies came to an abrupt in the industry is inclined to saffered, although their it will take two years to get political scene than many had supposed.

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to be made to the system, and most people expect them to be made this year. Equally obviously, the Irish farmers' love affair with the IDA's contention that chronic unemployment introduced in the system.

Nobody can see when the crisis will end. Certainly nobody predicted that it would come when it did. Ireland had become used to

## Investment earns a high return

marched with banners to demand help from the Government. After a real income triate Investor sums up Ire with the growth of Ireland's drop of almost 50 per cent land as an investment labour force. Between 1976 last year over the previous two years, most farmers are at their wits end. There is no real prospect of an important prospect prospect prospect prospect prospect prospect

The answer, then, is productivity. The early, heady days of EEC membership meant that Irish farmers hardly had to bother them promote in a costly avertish projects involving a fixed line campaign; in the finances of ESSAm and the control of the c hardly had to bother them selves about high productivity, because prices kept rising without even being asked for. The present squeeze has changed all that, and productivity has become almost a calibrian to the form. "where private enterprise is enterprises caused by the almost a religion to the farmers.

Significantly, Irish farmers began last year to criticize the Common Agricultural Policy, which previously would have been seen as heresy. Obviously some critical changes need to be made to the system, and most people expect them to be made this year. Equally obviously of year.

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## Luring the British with value for money

Britain did not, so the British have to be persuaded with a different line of chat:

an appealing one, the new blandishment may be much more attractive than the old. Last year more than a million people went across the Irish or Cekic seas to Ireland from various parts of Britain. They spent a great deal of money— and now the customers were not going to come any more.

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It has often here were disappointed—that can unreservedly please the French at table, but at least the Irish had built wings on to their hotels, modernized their guest houses, installed horses for yony trekking. and they moved around the country in an even greater and they moved around the first touts take and country in an even greater meant that hoteliers and variety, from horse-drawn other caterers could no caravans to motor launches, longer take it for granted from their own cars—taken that there was a captive marfrom their own cars—taken over on the ferries—to bus

A great many of these visitors may have had Irish connexions, relatives or even

here the second world war, people came from Britain to Ireland in their thousands—hecause there was fresh country air, and most of all, there was food. They came worn-out and peaky from the rationing, the queues and the secondists them. Loss bloomed scarcities: they left bloated and gorged. And in those days the Irish had not learnt ow to charge, so a cosy elationship grew up.

The British were the bread and butter market of Irish Aer Lingus provides, a tourism for 20 years. I weekend in Dublin at a good remember them well at both hotel for £62, fare included, and of the economic scales. and as welcome. Then there ments, were the rather impoverished Briti were the rather impoverished tourists, working men and their wives, usually middle-aged, who were able to a person, car ferry face in afford a holiday abroad only cluded, for parties of four after the children had grown up and started to carn . . . . For as little as 523 a perbut they were not able to can B and I while as it form.

They came to resorts out a well-kept, comfortable side Dublin on package thatched cottage, tours, and they were the These examples indicate hotelier's dream. Excited how Ireland has had to adapt

d with would be unwelcome rather pared all that beautiful fish tourism realizes that it canchet: than because they feared and all those good vegetables, not charge very high prices much they would be in dan- for example, in such an and expect people to come ger. Whatever the reasons, unexciting way.

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connexions, relatives or even lists birth—but a satisfactory number were "pure British". In other words people with no emotional ties to ger them to take their holidays in Ireland.

The whole complicated tale of Irish tourism is probleably already well known. After the Second World War, people came from Britain to the second world war, people came from Britain to that as the place is an island. that as the place is an island getting there, by air or sea, tends to be costly.

The carriers have had to

get together with other interests to offer acceptable package tours nowadays Gone are the times when the airline or the car ferries could charge what they liked and expect visitors to grin and bear it. Now there are very competitive packages.

ends of the economic scales. or a week rambling around There were the wealthy the country, with a car with their big purring cars for occasional short trips, and their dogs and their from 573. That is a great fishing rods; they stayed in improvement on having to the south-west usually. They pay the scheduled fare and were as regular as swallows make one's own arrange-

British Rail has a package up and started to carn . . For as little as £2? a per-but they were not able to son B and I, which sails from far abroad, even Liverpool or Pembroke, will accange a week's holiday in

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You have to be clever to sell stay of the Irish economy this fell away. When deter-have now stopped displeating tourism. Once upon a time for ever.

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Maeve Binchy columnist, The Irish Times

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## Population increase may be most significant social statistic



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there is evidence that ferri
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lity in marriage was drop impact was in the area of ping (despite the legal ban equality between the sexes, on contraceptives), this did Ireland found itself moving on contraceptives), this did Ireland found itself moving not produce a net decline in at a European rather than the birth rate because the an Irish pace in putting into total number getting marticles was rising.

The resulting population lack a strong preexisting increase is possibly the most ideology of equality, but the significant social statistic in article, on family, rights in modern Ireland: it was estimated that the figure reflects traditional attitudes exceeded the three million towards the role of women

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## Extraordinary success in EEC diplomacy

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reality of this success is
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Europe is concerned).

The opportunism, indeed
the hedonism, of so much
modern Irish political life
could offer one explanation:
having gorged itself on intransigeor nationalist ideology for so long, Ireland may
be much less impeded by
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rivals. The Irish have long
known how, to use nationalism as a means of hard
political profit, not as a
personal psychological quirk
standing in the way of internationalism.

Irish nationalist grievances are notorious; but in
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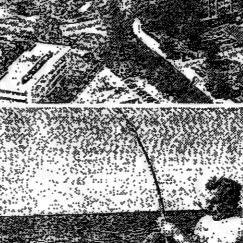
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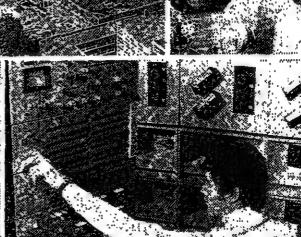
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Richard Wigg on how Spain refused to be dragged back to the Franco era

## The nation that did not lose its head

Madrid

Although a suspicion lingers that other Spanish army commanders may have " been on the alert " to an extent presently unknown, the most important thing about Monday's putsch by the paramilitary civil guard submitt-ing to the leadership of a well-known right-wing fanatic army colonel is that it was abortive.

Since Musselini marched on Rome more than 50 years ago, right-wing conspirators all over the world have put down democratically elected par-liaments, but Monday's takeover while the Cortes was actually in the process of electing a new Prime Minister was so gross as to affront anyone with a sense of national dignity—and Spaniards have long been known for just that quality.

Spain's entire national political class, virtually all the 350 members of the lower house, including the Cabinet of the outgoing Suarez government, were ironically kid-napped and held hostage in Parliament by the civil guard, precisely the force which has lost many lives fighting the violence of ETA, the Basque terrorist and kidnapping organization.

organization.

It is tather secondary whether the putsch was part of a bigger plot which did not develop fully, or, as all the known signs presently have it an attempt by a handful of right-wing fanatics in uniform to put Spain back into the Franco era.

The King has emerged with considerably enhanced prestige, rested

worst assault on Spain's still nor cemented and less than five-year-old democracy. With the army chiefs having held to his side, the Kinz should be able to act with vigour against those too clumsy even to respect the traditionalist basic value of national dignity.

"This has been a very important warning, even though things have come out well there's a lot to be thought about", Senor Manuel Fragaleader of the right-wing Democratic coalition who always acted toughly while Interior Minister only a few years ago, said after being freed.
"We must all make a great effort, with the monarch, to resolve this

It is clear Don Juan Carlos will only be able to give leadership if he is adequately seconded by Spain's political class under the impact of those 18 hours of captivity,

Perhaps the most important thing MPs of various parties had to tell immediately after being freed was that it was a small group of "hard-line" officers who were in charge of the 200 or so civil guards, most of them young and obviously lacking in preparation for undertaking a coup.

This brings a key element of the putsch—how important a leadership role the reactionary fanatics could play over policemen raught above all blind obedience to orders from above and no questioning.

"This must mean there must now be a decanting off of those elements

shown them utterly incompatible with today's system of government in Spain and before they do irreversible damage to democracy", Señor Miguel Angel Hartinez, Deputy Chairman of the Cortes foreign affairs committee and a Socialist, told me in the street outside Parliament imme-diately after his release.

Señor Rafael Calvo Ortega, an MP and Secretary General of the Centre Democratic Union, when he emerged, also said: "I would say things must be put in order now, so that they cannot be repeated."

Everyone knows that since Senor Adolfo Suarez took over as Prime Minister in July, 1976, that delicate "decanting operation" has not been pursued with the vigour it could well have been. While in the army veteran "blue division" pro-Franco generals have been eased out in a quiet operation concerted by the King with various defence ministers, the police forces have undergone very little change indeed.

Their training programmes have scarcely altered at all, and their methods remain those of cowing the citizens, as in Franco times, with no thought about serving them. The merciless terrorist campaign by ETA, in the name of Basque separatism, has played completely into the hands of the old guard police chiefs.

Last week's revolt by senior secu-rity police—some of whose members

day's putsch-staging joint resigna-tions in protest over the "campaign of calumny", alias the public outcry over the death of a suspected Basque terrorist after nine days of interrogation by Madrid police, strikingly revealed the wholly unreformed men tal world these police chiefs, trained up in the fifties, still live in.

One of the most vivid vignettes given by a Spanish parliamentary reporter of the scene in the Cortes after the eruption was of Senor Juan Jose Roson, the outgoing Interior Minister, sitting stunned with his head held between his hands.

An occasion like the seizure of the Cortes with MPs and Ministers in it seems unlikely to be repeated, at least not with such a favourable dénouement, and it is clearly the opportunity the entire political class should seize upon if this intolerable action by the Spanish police is not to end by bringing everything demo-

After Monday night, it is difficult to think of a more basic national issue over which Senor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, the Prime Minister-designate, appealed in last week's debate to the opposition to assist his minority government.

One senses the preponderant reaction of public opinion here is presently favourable to this task being carried through by the MPs, "You must tell the outside world", a man in the street told me this morning

as soon as he found out at a news paper vendor's kiosk that I was a foreign journalist, "that this is the last squiggle of a dying snake. The majority of the Spanish people have decided for democracy, and good or bad as it proves for us, everyone including these policemen, who have lorded it over us for years and will not learn to change their ways, must now play by the same rules as the rest of us"

Some observers had already seen that if the road ahead got bumpy for Spanish democracy the European Community governments might be pressed to grant Spain more imagina-tive terms in the difficult entry negotiations. The EEC governments have often talked of the political gains by bringing Spain into the Community -the shorthand for stabilizing its new democracy. But if the fishing dispute in Community waters is any guide, a more understanding attitude to Spain's economic interests will also be required of its neighbours.

One of the most eloquent expressions of solidarity with Spanish democracy heard last night came from Senor Carlos Ferrer Salat, President of Spain's equivalent of the CBI. It would be short-sighted indeed of European governments to drive hard bargains to benefit their businessmen if joining the EEC proves so costly that Spain's enterpreneurs switch their highly influential support in harding sight wine. preneurs switch their nighty lattuen-rial support to backing a right-wing nationalist authoritarian regime and against democracy.

ventional Jaguar.

This foundered for two main reasons, One was that engine technology had not advanced so far thas Rolls-Royce could promise a supersonic vectoredthrust engine (like that on the Harrier) in time for the RAF.
Another was political pressure
on the RAF to build their next
aircraft in collaboration with
allies like France and West
Germany—neither of whom
professed much interest in The Government's response was industry cartwheel) but the continuing problems over negotiations with the private sector tompanies engaged in the phoenix talks, and Mrs. Thatcher's anxiety over the sums involved in this latest BSC financing package. V/STOL aircraft.

with another two-plane solution. BSC financing package, prompted a delay. But BSC was running our of cash and, while One involved an Anglo-French-German aircraft known to the Ministry of Defence by the old title of Air Staff Target (AST) already effectively bankrupt, faced bursting through its statu-403, and to the media during the last year or two as the Eurofighter. That would replace the Jaguar. Meanwhile the Harrier would be suctory borrowing ceiling of £5,500m before its financial year ends next month. As an emergency measure, a new borrowing powers bill has ceeded by one of two options, either the mark-5 design probeen introduced, lifting the ceiling to £6,000m (with provision for a further £1,000m increase) allowing the corporation to raise funds simply to pay its bills to the year end. But this will now be reduced. duced by British Aerospace whose big aluminium wing has earned it the sobriquet "the tin-wing Harrier" or the

So the RAF returned to the

drawing board and came up

The AV8B is being developed by McDonnell Douglas in the United States for the US Marine Corps, who want about 350 of them. It has a better once the new Iron and Steel Under the Bill introduced yesterday, previous capital is to be written off and further subrange and payload than the stantial funds are being provided for next year. But the reconstruction of the balance sheet does enable Mr familiar Harrier, and its characteristics include the use of carbon fibre in the wings and parts of the fuselage. MacGregor to start with a rela-There was opposition to this option however both from those who disliked the idea of buying American and from the RAF tively clean slate and it will be his performance and that of the BSC (to be determined by a monitoring committee) which will decide at the end of the who thought it did not fulfill their requirement for fastturning manoeuvrability. These objections have now

been largely stilled. McDonnell Douglas have mproved the turning rate of Peter Hill the AVSE so that it now meets

Flying into the next generation

The so-called neutron bomb and Britain's Nato contribution are not the only defence questions which are likely to be raised during Mrs Thatcher's cure the AV8B, as they would visit to Washington. Another is whether Britain wants, or can afford, to buy the AV8B—the answer to which could determine the shape of the RAF's front line for the rest of this century, and possibly beyond. century, and possibly beyond.
It began as one of a number work on all the United States

aircraft and would also assemble the 60 RAF aircraft of options which have furrowed nany a brow at the Ministry (there is an option on 40 more) of Defence in recent years, and as well as 18 two-seater trainers. to some extent still do. The However the RAF's dilema is fundamental issue is that a replacement for the RAF's even more involved. The question remains; what to do about the Jaguar? Most plane-watchers at the MOD agree un-Harrier and Jaguar ground attack aircraft, in the late 1980s. The original aim was to officially that the so-called Eurofighter is no more likely replace the two aircraft types with one hybrid, which could combine the virtues, of the vertical/short take-off and landing (V/STOL) but subsonic, short-winged Harrier, and the spectagic more conto fly than a dead duck, Agree. ment between three air forces over design, timing and the disproved virtually impossible. It is very doubtful if the RAF could afford to invest in such a programme at the present time and the supersonic more con-

anyway,
One change of plan which
now looks almost certain is the
switch of 36 of the new sophisticated but expensive (£11m) Tornado from RAF maritime strike squadrons to replace the older Jaguars in the front line in West Germany. This would mean retaining the Buccaneers, which have had fatigue problems themselves, longer than planned. Then other laguars could in time be replaced either by buying additional Tornadoes—or even AV8Bs.

Yet another option which the RAF are understood to be considering involves buying be-tween 110 and 130 F18s from the United States at around fin each-cheaper than Tornado but not calculated to win friends in British industry, or Parliament.

Would it be so unpopular, bowever, if Britain could sell sircraft to the United States in return? Unlikely though this may sound it is still a possibility. The US Navy needs 350 new trainers under a programme known as VIX-TS, to enter service in 1988 or earlier. Hawk, against competition from the Franco-German Alpha Jet (with Lockheed backing), and a clutch of American companies A final decision on whether AV8B will, significantly, not be taken until May-June, when the MOD is examining its long-term costings. It rests very much on how favourable a deal Britain can exact between now and then. Mrs Thatcher has been armed with briefs from the Ministry of Defence and British Aerospace. She will need them.

> Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

## Sir Keith: is there any way out of the steel trap?

Poor Sir Keith Joseph. Gaunt of face and baleful of eye, the Secretary of State for Industry

The battle over the warship stood yesterday accused of complicity in seizure of private already been joined in Parlia-sector assets. Later in the day ment and through the European he was obliged, with all the Court of Human Rights. The he was obliged, with all the intellectual honesty he could muster, to justify the Government's decision to hand out further large sums of taxpayers' money to the British Steel Cor-

At the same time, the heads of the country's three now nationalized warship builders were issuing stern demands for compensation for their nationalized assets.

The coincidence of the two cents, demonstrated the considerable difficulties which the Government and Sir Keith find themselves in. Difficulties, it and aggressive organization.
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only extricate themselves, by that the BSC would fail to meet

always knew that General

vided by his taking up with Hitler, but I had never realized quite how far he bad slid off

his trolley until, not long ago, I picked up, for a trifling sum, a book by him called The Com-

ing War. This, written in 1930, was published the following year in English, and its entertainment value is so enormous that I do urge anybody who

It is not just that he argues that England is in the toils of

a conspiracy run by the Free-masons under the direction of a

consortium formed by the Jews and the Jesuits (" Rome and the

the going suggest strongly that if he had bitten you in the calf

you would have been well ad-

vised to treat yourself to a couple of gallons of best quality

The numbers 10 and 5 are

rabies vaccine. A sample:

can find a copy to read it.

The battle over the warship builders compensation has doling out of further large sums of Government money to the BSC will serve only to rein-force the vigour with which those cases are prosecuted. Sir Keith and his advisers

have long recognized that the BSC would continue to be the albatross circling over the Government. Equally it was recognized that the corporation would require further substan-tial sums of money if, as remains the objective it ever to be turned round into a vigorous, financially viable



Sir Kelth Joseph : facing

its external financial limits in the current financial year. Mr Ian MacGregor, the Scots-born American businessman brought in amid a controversial £1.8m "transfer deal" to make the BSC work, found that even his considerable skills were no match for the disaster area which he inherited. Reluctantly Sir Keith acceded to the request for money and lifted the cor-coration's EFL by a further £400m boosting total funding

for the year (including £121m carried over from the previous vear) to £971m.

BSC, it should be said, has made substantial progress over the past two years. It was in December last year that Mr MacGregor submitted the BSC's corporate plan to the Govern-ment. It would entail further plant closures, a further reduc-tion in crude steelmaking capacity to 14.4m tonnes, a six month wages freeze and the shedding of at least another 20,000 jobs. The package was sold to the steel industry unions with only the largest, the Iron and Steel Trades Confedera-tion expressing strong opposi-As the weeks have slipped

by, the private sector of the industry has felt the icy blasts of recession and competition from its large public sector competitor. As long ago as last sutumn, concern was being ex-pressed among the private steelmakers that some com-panies would go to the wall unless the Government took proper and comprehensive action. In the last two weeks 2,500 private sectors have been told that they face redundan-

. Not that the private sector was necessarily seeking a pro-portionate degree of subsidy, but rather that the Government recognize that a policy was needed for the steel industry as a whole and not simply for one (albeit dominant) opponent.

to commit itself to reviewing the areas of "overlap" in product areas between the two-steel billets, bars, wire rods and engineering steels. The first fruits of that review are now flowering, Last week's announcement of the "free standing" joint venture company between the BSC and GKN, the engineering and steel-making group is the first making group, is the first phoenix to rise from the ashes of the recession; a second, and possibly a third, phoenix should rise by about Easter this year,

embracing companies in the engineering steels sector. But the private companies, almost to a man staunch supporters of the Conservative party for generations, have grown increasingly diseuchan-ted with the Government's approach. Over the past few weeks the lobbying has inten-sified with the private sector companies enlisting the support of influential Tory backbench-ers. Over the period to 1980 the private sector companies in the "overlap" area has turned in profits of £700m; over the same period BSC has notched up losses of £1,528m World by the heavy discount. Worried by the heavy discounting which BSC was involved in to secure business, the private steelmakers indicated that there could be a strong case for the

EEC Commission to take action for untair pricing policies. Yesterday's statement should have been made two weeks ago (ahead of the embarrassing coal

three-year appointment just how much of the £1.8m of the transfer deal will be aid to his ormer employers at Lazard

#### Bernard Levin

## The martial art of being utterly wrong

The figures of the year 1932 added together transversally make 15. That is why the 1st of May was chosen as the Jewish holiday. Our first day of mobilization in the world war was 2.8, figures which when added together make

But the real meat of the book consists of his meticulous re-construction of the war which he foresees (starting in 1932): lews are working hand in hand"); the old boy went a good deal further than that, and he goes into the most elaborate detail in forecasting the pro-gress of the various armies. some of the things he says in Hark: Paris will instruct its armies

and those of Belgium to . . march forward into the North German plain, in order to defeat the German Reichswehr and any English troops that may have landed on our soil. Before that, I should mention. the English armies will have

the cabbalistic equivalents for the two first consonants of the word "Jehovah". Num-bers which when added tolanded in Holstein and Meck-lenburg, Rome will have foiled gether transversally make 15 or are divisible by 10 or 5 are accounted auspicious by both Jews and cabbalists. The the French intention to go to the help of the Rumano-Polish great French Revolution broke out in 1789, ie 1 + 7 have settled accounts Czechoslovakia, though +8+9=25. Preparations for the world war in 1914 If the Italian army is to apbegan 25 years previously. pear in sufficient strength

forces, and the Italian army will have settled accounts with

north of the Alps to bring from England, Russia and about a decision in its favour, Italy". ("The reader", he says it will immediately have to gravely at this point, "must not be misled by the scale of the map.") Nor is that all, for Well, of course. Meanwhile,

the Czechs will not have been idle; having pacified North Germany in cooperation with the Poles ("a task much facili-tated by the railway systems of ooth countries"), and after taking measures to paralyse the forces of Austria and Hungary "they will "essemble to the south of the Danube". And I hope it keeps fine for

them. But the Italian army by then will be advancing into Austria and South Germany, the Hungarian army "will be Hungarian army "will be forced to leave Hungary in order to establish contact with the Italian army " and "7th and 5th Divisions of the Reichswehr . . . will be assigned the task of protecting the Italian army against Czecho-Slovakia". While all this is going on. "the neutrality of Lithuania will at first be respected by both Soriet Russia and Poland", and "flying squadrons" will have been despatched to Germany by air

"French submarines, mine-layers and aircraft will en-deavour to blockade England", though as against that the reader will be relieved to know that "Romanian submarines will be unable to do much in the Black Sea".

All this activity, you must understand, is by way of a pre-liminary to the main action; when the armies are really engaged, Ludendorff drops the future tense and engages the

In spite of the bombardment of the northern parts of France by English battleships ... England at first fails to derive any military advan-age. . . The Belgian and French air forces prove sub-sequently to be a "good pro-phylactic" against any risings . . . in the rear of the Belgian and French armies during the rapid advance of the latter through Germany . . . Eng-lish. Russian and Italian air

moderate strength arrive at Hanover, Berlin, Stettin, Königsberg, Augsburg, Munich and Salzburg, infantry and cavalry divisions, which for various Jeasons are composed of black troops . . begin their forward movement towards Bremen. Hanover, Cassel, Elsenach and Ratisbon.

By now the sales of coloured pins to those wishing to stick them in wall-maps must be growing into the world's greatest industry, but the General is not finished. Indeed, he has bardly started hardly started.

The advanced guard which is marching upon Ratisbon receives instructions to proceed via Kulmbach . . . in order to establish contact with the Czecho-Slovak troops other troops are pushed forward towards the north side of the Lake of Constance with instructions to take up a favourable position for the impending battle with the Italian army which is on its way to South Germany. . . . An Italian General profes-sing clerical-Fascist opinions

mand at Munich . . . the country south of the Danube . . . becomes an Italian camp to which the inhabitants of Baden, Württemberg and Northern Bavaria flock in order to take refuge from the French advanced guards and the invading Czecho-Slovak army ... the Czecho-Slovak troops occupy the suburbs of Vienna ...
Faster and faster whirl the

armies. Hungary is invaded by Czechs, Romanians and Yugoslavs (" fully equipped with the latest appliances of warfare"); the Czechs, capture Linz; Polish cavalry "starts from Upper Silesia and marches towards Breslau"; Hungary has been devastated; the Germans are "weighed down by the appre-hension of their impending fate", as well they might be; and "the fury of the populace is chiefly directed against the ... Jews, the Freemasons and the officials of the Christian church".

By the time the reader has worked his way through a few score pages of this, the calcula-

tion of cabbalistic numbers to assumes the Supreme Comdemonstrate that the Jews and the Freemasons are running the world seems very sound stuff, though Ludendorff, who can't let well alone, rather takes the edge off his argument by re-vealing that the policy of the Nazi Party (he had broken with Hitler before he wrote this book) "is framed in the interests of Rome and Moscow By then, however, Europe is in really matter who is doing what to whom in which interests; after all, if "the Danish attitude towards the Anglo-German troops in Hol-stein . . . becomes more and more hostile", while "the masonic states of Switzerland and Holland . . . throw in their lot with France" and "the trench war is now carried on by armies millions strong", the fact that the Pope and the General of the Jesuits are killed in Smith the certain are killed. (in Spaint is scarcely more sur-prising than that "the food question on both sides is becoming acute".

There is something particularly, though perhaps rather shamefully, agreeable in seeing



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General Ludendorff: stand by your wall-maps

a really nasty man suddenly seized by the conviction that he is a poached egg, and watching him stop passers-by and ask them for the loan of a piece of toast on which he may sit down. General-Quartiermeister Ludendorff was just such a man, and The Coming War as fine an example of the poachedegg-on-toast conviction as I have ever seen. Though what, I wonder, were Fabers doing publishing it?

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#### refused the Prince of Wales

You will have read all about it elsewhere in this edition. Now let me tell you about the other Lady Diana Spencer.

Take my word for it, there is nothing new under the sun, only old stories which are dusted down and have a new date put Lady Diana marrying the Prince of Wales first surfaced around to the sale of t 1729, the only difference being that on that occasion they eventually proved to be unfounded, although not through want of trying by an ambitious

Lady Diana Spencer was born in 1708, the daughter of Charles Spencer, Earl of Sunderland, and of Lady Anne Churchill, one of the Marlboroughs from Blenheim. Her grandmother was the Duchess of Mariborough, wife of the first Duke, and that lady was quite determined that her grand-daughter should do well.

The old Duchess had her eye on the Prince of Wales. Frederick Lewis, son of George II and Queen Caroline. and

How Lady Diana father of George III. Frederick would have almost certainly vanished into the mists of history had he not been immortalized in the snatch of doggerel about Poor Fred, who once was alive but now is dead. However Lady Diana would have none of it. She was not

at all enamoured of Poor Fred. despite his good connexions, and to the great disappointment of her grandmother, she went off and married the fourth Duke of Bedford.

given birth to a son who died in infancy. Although she had no direct descendants, she was an ancestral aunt, seven generations back, of the present Lady Diana, who seems to be an equally strong-minded lady (she must be to have put up with the recent close attentions of the popular press) but who I trust will be blessed with better fortune.

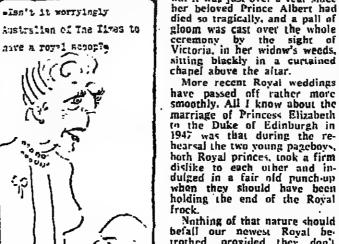
#### Rocky aisles

I trust too that the Royal wedding will be pleased with better fortune than some previous Royal nuptials. Undoubtedly the most notori-

ous conjugation was that berween the Prince Regent, later George IV, and Caroline of Brunswick. Prinny's devotions always remained with Mrs Fitz herbert, and he was less than enthusiastic about Caroline's arrival in London. He declined to meet her in person, and after being forced into a formal introduction was so overwhelmed by her patent lack of pulchritude, and her breath which signalled at 50 paces that she was not using a proprietary mouthwash, that his only re-corded words were: "Harris, I am not well; pray get me a glass of brandy".

Much brandy was again taken on the evening of the marriage ceremony at St James's Palace, at which the Prince reportedly looked like Death and full of confusion, as if he wished to hide himself from the looks of the whole world." He had to be held up by his best man; indeed the only time he was able to stand up was just at the wrong moment of the ceremony, when he should have been kneeling. and he had to be restrained by

the Archbishop of Canterbury. His Royal Highness then passed the entirety of his wed-ding night asleep on the bedroom floor.



King Edward VII, when still Prince of Wales, had a less than perfect wedding too, when he married Alexandra in March, 1863. His mother should have been up there in the front row.

but it was just over a year since her beloved Prince Albert had died so tragically, and a pall of gloom was cast over the whole ceremony by the sight of Victoria, in her widnw's weeds, sitting blackly in a curtained chapel above the altar.

have passed off rather more smoothly. All I know about the marriage of Princess Elizabeth to the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947 was that during the rehearsal the two young pageboys, hoth Royal princes, took a firm dislike to each other and in-dulged in a fair old punch-up when they should have been holding the end of the Royal

Nothing of that nature should befall our newest Royal betrothed, provided they don't decide to hold the curemony in Fulham registry office on a Saturday just before a Chelsea

#### Matchbook

Mrs Thatcher could not have wished for more: a Royal engagement to divert the public mind from such discomforts as unemployment and Joe Gormley, and the birth of a new and dynamic British industry. The industry with the rosy

future is the mass production of Royal engagement books. First off the mark is almost certain to be Debrett, who by the time of yesterday's an-nouncement already had a substantial volume set up in type and ready to go to press, bar a few last-minute checks to ensure that its informed speculations had indeed become hard fact. The book should be on sale within a matter of weeks.

Hugo Vickers, the author, old me yesterday: "I have told me yesterday: "I have been working on it for some time, and it will not be a last-minute rush job. Obviously there has been speculation about Lady Diana for some months, and I have used that time to prepare a full chapter on her. I sat down and did some thorough research on her, just in case she turned out to be

the right one." Vickers is now working on a biography of Cecil Beaton, while his rivals try frantically to catch a ride on the tidal wave of warm pink floss.

#### In their image

Royal engagement. Four weeks another customer explaining to ago Nancy Reagan phoned a the counter clerk that the applifriend, Helen Boehm, and cation form for a two-wheeled

dinner table centrepiece to the First Lady's requirements.

Mrs Boehm, a member of the Reagan's inauguration committee, agreed and her Malvern. Worcestershire, firm duly pro-duced plans for models of Prince Charles and Lady Diana together surrounded by floral decorations. The firm's manageing director. Hugh Padley, steadfastly refused to name the person who commissioned the design yesterday, but confirmed that the work is to 20 ahead at a cost of more than £1,000. The original will be given to the Royal couple by Mrs Reagan who will also keep a version for herself.

asked her porcelain firm to pro-

#### Hidden cost

A word to my erstwhile Times colleague Norman Fowler, now Secretary of State for Transport with a seat at Mrs. Thatcher's Cabinet table; nobody seems to know what you charge for a motor cycle driving

It the White House Parliament Street post office had a sical on us all over the the other day, where he heard

duce a customized porceiain the post office about the fee; could she therefore please tell him? She could not, and  $\frac{g_{\rm eff}(g_{\rm P}) - \Gamma^{\rm eff}(g_{\rm P})}{g_{\rm eff}(g_{\rm P}) + (1.0) + 1.0}$ appealed to her colleagues: A uniformed police officer in the queue helpfully volunteered to put the query to his con-leagues back at the station over his pocket radio. He put the after much before an to put the query to his col-leagues back at the station over crackling and other buckground noises the reply came back loud and clear: "We don't  $r^{c_{\rm substant}} > 1$ know. Try the past office." To save Norman any further trouble, I shall tell you on the

authority of one of his spokes-

men that the fee is £10.30.

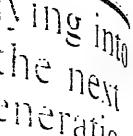
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Alan Hamilton Office on that date. If they is a transported don't want it circulated, why transported don't they use the Official and with their secrets Act es usual?

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### THE HAPPIEST OF NEWS

Palace to cheer the spirits, Happiness that shows on the faces of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer and is shared by their families extends far and wide through the nation. The news comes as no surprise, but it is glad news and hopeful of the future.

The constitution, to Bagehot's way of thinking, resolves itself into effective and dignified parts with the monarchy heading the latter. The monarchy similarly esolves itself into its practical and sentimental functions: there s business of state and Comnonwealth to be done, and there s the place the monarchy occupies in the hearts of people n the United Kingdom and of he contracting number of others n the Commonwealth for whom ... t is a real focus of allegiance.

The practical aspect of yesteray's announcement is the etrothal of the heir to the brone. This reinforces the sucession (already well provided or by the fruitfulness of the louse of Windsor) by potentially stending the direct line. That is ll to the good. The sentimental spect of the announcement is ie confirmation of a royal mance. It is something to give leasure to all but the stoniest earts; and it is fitting that the rince of Wales should enter arried life when one considers is extent to which the monarchy now regarded as an exemplar

the family. From both the practical and a sentimental points of views s choice of bride is eminently itable. She is not a princess royal blood. That would once we been felt to be a disqualifition. No longer. Arranged hope of her subjects that the

With Downing Street in winter marriages are out of fashion in mood it is left to Buckingham. English society. The number palace to cheer the spirits, and fertility of European crowned heads are not now such as to provide adequately and in all cases for a love match. The political and territorial byproducts of a dynastic marriage have diminished in value to vanishing point—indeed the German affinities of the British Crown have been a matter of come embarrassment twice this century. The long-standing objecton to a consort taken from one of the baronial houses of England o: Scotland-jealousy among its piers-does not obtain today. No ore fears that Earl Spencer will seze an advantage to become the most powerful counsellor in the realm. Above all, as a recommendaton for the native option, there is still fresh in the mind the companionship on the throne of lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the weetness and dignity of her

bearing. Laly Diana Spencer was not brought up to royal duties. She has experienced, and weathered it well, one annoyance attending on her new position, hot pursuit by the world's press. Now that the wll-they-won't-they lure is over, it is very much to be hoped that the fever of the press and televisian will subside within such limits and restraints as are usually observed in projecting the lives of members of the royal

family. When the Duke of Clarence, the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, became engaged to be married in 1891, Gladstone clumsily suggested that Queen Victoria might abdicate in favour of her son. No such advice, it may be assumed, will be offered to Her Majesty on this occasion. And it is surely the

idea of abdication in the foreseeable future is very far from her own mind. The respect and affection in which she is held and her deepening experience of affairs of state are of inestimable value to the nation. Kingship is not job but a status. Only incapacity, not the passing years, gives ground for retirement.

That confronts the Prince of Wales with the prospect of many more years as heir apparent. They need not be years of frustration. The royal couple may be glad not to be burdened with the full duties of the Crown in the early years of forming and bringing up a family, Royal tours abroad and other physically strenuous engagements are likely to pass increasingly from the Queen to her heir. Where governor-generalships survive in the Commonwealth it is now the practice for governments effectively to choose their own, but that does not mean that there are no important duties in connexion with the Commonwealth for the

He has of course painstakingly to avoid the appearance of partisan engagement in politics or in issues which are the subject of political controversy. Business and financial enterprise and the world of superior public relations are also out of bounds. All that limits but does not remove the scope for a busy, useful and influential life. Nor does it prevent the Prince of Wales from cultivating strong opinions and preferences and expressing them publicly in words and action con brio-he is his father's son. In the burdens and the restraints of a royal life in waiting he will, according to the world's wisdom and his people's hope, be grate-fully sustained by the loving

Prince of Wales to assume.

#### HE NUB OF THE WASHINGTON AGENDA

реал

rs Thatcher is not only the first ropean head of government to it President Reagan's Washiton but also the most popular the United States and the sest to him in outlook. She padly shares bis economic ilosophy, and will doubtless be le to tell him some of the couraging lessons she has trnt in two years of trying to t it into practice. She also ares his view of the Soviet ion. Like him, she wants to ffen the West's defences and cooperate more closely in curing its interests outside the

.to area. lbere are however a number subjects on which the British d Americans do not altogether eye to eye. One of the most portant is the Middle East. e tendency of the Reagan Iministration to view regional officts-including those in the ddle East-in terms of the der East-West rivalry has so led it to play down the siglicance of the Palestinian

estion. Mr Alexander Haig, the Secrev of State, was this week rerted as saying that America a d its allies should pay attenin to the strategic threat to the ilf rather than to the stalled gotiations over Palestinian tonomy under the Camp David mework. The Americans reain committed in principle to imp David, and are opposed to y attempt to broaden or supement Camp Lavid in order to t talks on Palestine moving

The Europeans by contrastth Britain taking the lead-

see the two issues as inseparable. For them a settlement of the Palestinian issue is the crux of the Middle East problem. This is why they have tried to take the Camp David achievement farther by sounding out all the parties involved, including the Palestine Liberation Organization. This European initiative", which is very largely the brainchild of Lord Carrington, began to take shape last summer at the EEC

summit in Venice, when Euro-

pean leaders acknowledged (among other things) the rights

of the Palestinian people to self-

determination, and urged that

with future peace talks. When they met again at Lux-embourg in November the Europeans reviewed the practical problems involved. They discussed, for instance, what is meant by "self determination", how Israel's security can beguaranteed; and the future status Jerusalem. The current President of the European Commission. Mr Gaston Thorn, toured

the Middle East last summer, and

the Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr

Christopher Van Der Klaauw, is

embarking on a further mission. The Reagan Administration seems to regard even these very tentative moves as at best unhelpful, and at worst harmful. The American view is that Camp David needs no supplementing; that the PLO is a terrorist organization with which neither the United States nor Israel can negotiate; and that European initiatives" are a distraction which encourage the PLO and its hardline Arab backers. Some

of Mr Reagan's advisers see Lord Carrington's approach as little short of appeasement, and dismiss any notion that the PLO leader, Mr Yassir Arafat, canlike Mr Robert Mugabe, in Zimbabwe-be transformed into a respectable negotiating partner.

partnership of marriage.

And yet there is more common ground than some of Mr Reagan's men would allow. While their emphasis is different, the British and their European partners do. after all, agree with Washington on the vital importance of Gulf security. Western Europe is even more dependent on oil from the Gulf than is America, and although the two sides may dif fer on how a western military presence in the Gulf should be used, the need for such a presence is nor in doubt. Nor are the Europeans any less committed to the existence of Israel than the United States. The aim in Washington and Europe is the same: a peaceful Middle East in which both western interests and the state of Israel are secure.

The real difference is over the means to that end. The Europeans have perceived what some Americans, and indeed many Israelis, are reluctant to admit: that unless the Palestinians, both on the West Bank and in emigration, are given an effective outlet for their national aspirations, the tensions can only increase; and that if a solution is to be found. the PLO-despite its terrorist record-must be brought in, if only because it commands a high level of support among the Palestinians themselves, and is backed by important Arab

### HOW MANY LAST CHANCES FOR STEEL?

lary Tudor was caronicled as world steel demand during 1979 tying that when she was gone you shall find 'Calas' lying in ly beart". Sir Keth Joseph night be forgiven fol applying ne same form of words in his wn case to the Bridsh Steel orporation. For it has become lear in recent months that the ationalized steel industry has en the biggest single trauma the area of industrial policy or Mrs Thatcher's government s a whole and for her Secetary State for Industry in

articular. In comparison the problems of, av. British Leyland pale into elative insignificance. For it is ne British Steel Corporation that as during the past two years orced a series of decisions on the overnment which totally contiict the theory and the rhetory bout the new approach to state idustry relations, which was uch a structural part of the platorm on which the Government

as elected. The failure of previous governtents to withstand crude polical pressures in favour of reserving excessive and ineffiient steel making capacity made inevitable that the present iovernment were going to have roblems with the rationalization f the steel industry. It was, howver, the accelerating collapse of

and 1980 that turned a serious problem into an almost impossible one.

The rate of readjustment within the British steel industry required to bring long-term capacity down to likely demand levels and to increase the efficiency of retained capacity was in the circumstances much faster than could be achieved by conventional negotiation and agreement. The inevitable convulsion as British Steel tried to balance its books in the new and more hostile environment in which it found itself led directly to last year's national steel strike. That in itself further weakened the BSC's market position in 1980 as imports of steel came in to fill

the gap. The Government may have hoped that by appointing a new chairman for the BSC-and one with a tough reputation-there was a chance that the problems the industry could now be handled at arm's length. This has not proved to be the case. The lums of money required to mance any kind of policy for the BSC, whether it be modernior contraction and zaion, relundancy, or merely preserving the status quo, are such as make a major impact on cental government financing.

In practice the Government had little option but to back Mr MacGregor's plan for his industry with the necessary cash from public funds. For the short-term costs of not doing so would have been overwhelming. It is, bow ever, a measure of the frustration that the Prime Minister and the Cabinet as a whole feel about being unable to extricate themselves from the coils of the BSC that Sir Keith Joseph's original recommendation in its favour was sent back for reconsideration and only endorsed this week

Within the very limited room for manoeuvre in fact available to the Government, Sir Keith Joseph yesterday indicated the direction in which he would in future lean. The Bill now introduced, by removing the present general duty to supply iron and steel products, would allow the BSC simply to give up certain areas of activity in future. When Sir Keith said that this was the corporation's "last chance to become profitable" his listeners might have been forgiven for thinking that they had heard the phrase before and were likely to hear it again. He was, however, serving notice that under this Government the pressure of market forces would be steadily

#### **Rates and taxes**

From Mr J. A. Charman or, Your correspondent of February 20 (Mr B. Criffiths), in referring to Mrs Thatcher's undertaking when in opposition to abolish domestic rates, isks what happens to these pious proposals once oppositions become the case of rates, they are found

not relly to be as unfair as people often uppose. They are certainly fairer han income tax, in that it

is not possible to evade rates. Virtually every country in the world ha an annual property tax. which is what rates are and if domestic ares were abolished in this county and replaced by local income taxor a poll tax or what-

that some future government will introduce an annual property tax, probably calling it something other than rates, and then we shall have two taxes instead of one. Yours faithfully,

increased on the BSC.

J. A. CHARMAN, 53 The Avenue, Gravesend, February 20.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Water threat: need of early decision

From Mr J. M. Dennes Sir, If the Government are going

to make concessions to the current demands of (in particular) the they please follow their recent precedent in the case of the miners by giving way sooner rather than

The people of this country, who The people of this country, who have been told to expect at least inconvenience and disruption of services, and at worst hardship and serious health risks, from a prolonged national strike in the water industry, will be entitled to claim that they should have been spared this unpressury suffering if after that they should have been spared this unnecessary suffering if, after a strike lasting the requisite number of weeks, the employers' "final" ofter of 10 per cent praves to have been no more than a stepping-stone to settlement at a higher figure. Yours faithfully,

I. M. DENNES. Plantation House, 31-35 Fenchurch Street, EC3. February 23.

#### Civil servants' demands

From Mr R. J. Gardner Sir, Mr John Ward's letter (February 20) would imply that neither he nor the first division civil servants that he represents have any idea what is going on around them. He must know that industrial production declined by 15 per cent over the past year. The reduction in the Civil Service has not been comparable and there is therefore less money and not more to share

out among its members.
If Mr Ward still wants some measure of pay comparability, could I suggest that he and some of his colleagues spend a week or two with some of the hard-pressed private sector companies—say in textiles or motor components-and during that time count the number of redundancies made recently and assess those still to be made.

It would be salutary to compare these with their own relative jobsecurity and, perhaps even more chastening, to learn of wage settlements recently negotiated and compare these with their own aspira-

Not least they should consider the good fortune they enjoy in long bolidays-not enforced by shore time working—early retirement and index-linked pensions and ask themselves, after studying the accounts of the private sector companies, how these companies could possibly afford similar benefits for their employees.

On reflection, Mr Ward and his colleagues might feel they should rake the modest rise they have been offered for fear of any searching review recommending a reduc-

Yours faithfully, R. J. GARDNER, The Coach House, Barley Thorpe, Near Dakham,

#### Nationality proposals From Mrs Eileen O'Connor

Sir, According to Mr Ronald Butt (February 19), "Nationality has to be redefined, even if some of its consequences seem hard to some individuals, in order to recreate national cohesion. I cannot see what on religious or moral grounds, is objectionable about that." I can, but to become involved in a moral or religious debate would be to evade the issue. The problems we face are practical as well as academic, and if we tackle the practical problems the religious and moral questions will take care of themselves. If, on the other hand, we spend our time debuting the moral and religious questions the practical problems will multiply and become increasingly unmanageable and we could well end up by losing the world and our

It is not immigrants who threaten our national cohesion, it is too many jobless, homeless, hopeless people, and their numbers are growing Using the law as a weapon against a minority is easier and cheaper than eliminating the breeding grounds for racial tension by adopting radical bousing, employment, and educational programmes; but in the long run the law will be unable to prevent the national disintegra-tion which will be the inevitable consequence of years of social neglect. If all immigration were brought to an abrunt halt, and every immigrant were to leave the country tomorrow, our social and economic problems would remain to be solved, and we would soon be scurrying about in search of other scapegoats. The Germans would claim with justification that they did not know where the Nati concepts of national

where the Nazi concepts of national rejuvenation and cohesion, based on policies of racial purity, would lead. We know where they led, and if we allow it to happen here, either by accident, indifference or design, there will be no excuses for us. Yours faithfully, E. P. O'CONNOR.

114 Eton Rise. Eton College Road, NW3. February 20.

#### Breath test controls From Mr Jackie Stewart

Sir, I was interested to read the recent correspondence regarding the recommendations in the report prepared by Judge Blennerhassett designed to limit the number of s on the road caused drinking and driving casualties tbrough offences.

In my own view there can be no more fundamental crime than a driver causing injury or death where alcohol has impaired the driver's judgment and ability.

If, therefore, it is necessary for

police to have the powers to take breath tests when given sufficient reasonable cause, then I am wholly in favour of such a measure since it must lessen the appalling family tragedies that result from each and every road accident. Yours faithfully, JACKIE STEWART, 24 Route de Divonne, 1260 Nyon, Vaud. Switzerland. February 21.

# Time for Cabinet second thoughts Come what may, the Chancellor must reduce interest rates again. Further thought must be given to methods of controlling the strength of sterling. With our North Sea oil, sterling appreciates every time there is an oil price increase. Our export industries will be destroyed and our import of manufactured goods will grow unless the rate of appreciation of sterling can be deliberately moderated. Should not the Government also

From Mr Charles Morrison, MP for Devizes (Conservative), and others Sir, In the past, Conservative Governments have intervened to assist industry directly or indirectly whenever industry has been faced with problems beyond its own control. The Conservative Parry is not a laister-faire narry and at the modern laisser-faire party and as the modern Conservative Party believes in a mixed economy, it has been able to assess and react to the needs of the public sector as much as to the private sector, it also stands to reason that there is likely to be a greater need for intervention at a

me of world and domestic recession. We are therefore not sugrised that in the public sector the Government manifestly has had to change its policy of relving on each limits. What does perplex us, however, is that while rushing to assist British Steel, BL, the railways and the National Coal Board, the Government is doing far too little to assist the private sector through the worst recession in fifty years. To make matters worse much of the money made available for the public sector comes from the private sector, and may be used to undermine the private sector; this is particularly true of the steel industry. Moreover resources which might be available to Government to assist the private

sector are reduced. Surely the time has come for the Government swiftly to undertake a reappraisal of industry's problems, to develop a new industrial strategy which will take account of them, and to launch it in the Budget with a package of measures to aid industry and to contain the continual growth of unemployment. The cer-rainty of 3 million unemployed, whatever action is taken, is some-thing to which we look forward with horror.

#### 'Exporting revolution' From Mr Walter Kendall

Sir, The remarks made by Mr Rukbadze, of the Novosti Press Agency in Moscow (February 17) of the Novosti Press

regarding the communist attitude to terrorism are either astonishingly misinformed or deliberately misleading. Mr Rukhadze must surely be aware that while Lenin was still

alive the Russian War Minister published a book-length treatise under the title The Dejence of Terrorism. I have a copy of the first English edition by me as I write and I

quote:
Terror can be very efficient against a
reactionary class which does not want
to leave the scene of operations. Intimidation is a powerful weapon of policy
both internationally and internally.
War, like revolution is founded upon
intimidation. The resultation works intimidation . . The revolution works in the same way; it kills individuals and intimidates thousands, (Leon Troisky, The Defence of Terrorism, p SS, London, 1921).

This policy bas, not changed over the years. The Communist International, which from the beginning to end operated under the direct con-trol of the Russian party, schemadoctrine on this issue in its handbook, Armed Insurrection, which first appeared in Germony during

1928, In this we read:
One of the first objectives of the insurrection... may be the liquidation of counter-revolutionary leaders.... The liquidation of reactionary commanding officers and of the leaders of counter revolutionary parties, etc. This objective will often dominate all others from the very first moment of the uprising. . . The liquidation of the old regime's top leaders, and of its active defenders, during the insurrection, is of the first importance. In all insurrections in which the insurgents have not succeeded, or succeeded

"Marxism allows terror in a revolutionary period, during the immediate struggles of the proleta-

in time, in liquidating the leaders of counter revolution, they have been

Should not the Government also look again at its energy pricing policy? The policy may be logical, but is it wise to pike extra costs on to

industry in its present vulnerable

ment situation, the Government should initiate a programme of capital investment which does not

give rise to later revenue expendi-ture. The job Release Scheme should be extended to encourage

early retirement. More training opportunities should be made available for school-leavers. The National

Insurance surcharge should be removed. Finally, we are convinced it would help no one if the Chan-

cellor resorted to increases in direct

It is almost two years since the

last general election. Probably

there will not be much more than two and a half years to the next. If

the Government is to be seen to have succeeded by then, it must

immediately develop industrial and economic policies less concerned with abstract theories which assume

ideal conditions, and much more closely related to the harsh econo-mic climate which exists.

taxation.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES MORRISON,

RICHARD NEEDHAM.

MICHAEL HAMILTON.

DENNIS WALTERS.

House of Commons.

defeated.

In the current appalling employ-

riat for power", the Comintern handbook concludes (A. Neuberg, Armed Insurrection, pp 202-204, London, New Left Books Edition, How in the light of this written

evidence, the practical experience of Stalin's purges, designed to recreate the nation into submission, the recent murder of millions conducted by the communist regime in Cambodia Mr Rukhadze can presume to write as be does, escapes me. Perhaps be will care to explain? Yours sincerely,

WALTER KENDALL, Ruskin College, Oxford. February 17.

#### Canada's Constitution From Mrs A. C. Geddes

Sir, I speak as a Canadian who has lived in Great Britain for many years. We are all touchy about the British North America Act. It is Trudeau could be tactless enough to throw the onus on to the British Government. There are two decisions, both of which would alienate

provinces of east or west.

The British Government's only answer should be: "Have a referen-dum and we will give effect to the democratic decision". Yours faithfully, A. C. GEDDES.

#### Farriers, South Road, Liphook. Hampshire. February 21.

#### Securing art for the nation From the Editor of Apollo

Sir, The welcome purchase by the Manchester City Art Gallery of one of the greatest paintings by Claude is reported by Geraldine Norman (February 19), who adds that, though the open marker valu-ation was £625,000, the Gallery paid "only" £253,956 for it. The reason for the lower sum is that while the proceeds of an open market sale (carrying the prospect of probable departure from this country) would have been taxable, the proceeds from a private treaty sale to a public institution in this coun-

try are by statute tax-free. The fact is, however, that this notable picture could have passed into public possession without any money whatsoever having to be painfully raised from a multitude of sources (including the National Art-Collections Fund, the Wolfson Foundation, the National Heritage Memorial Fund, and various local charitable funds), Most regrettably, charitable funds). Most regrettably, though it could have been offered in satisfaction of tax, the owners were discouraged by the Capital Taxes Office from doing so. Since this may seem incredible. I must refer your readers to the very explicit letter from the family solicitors to Lord Rosse, then Chairman of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries, which was published on page 253 of the Report of 1978 of the House of Commons Select Committee on the National Select Committee on the National Land Fund.

It should be added that an exceptionally fine landscape by Hobbema from the same collection was affered for this purpose, but was refused on the scarcely believable ground that it 100 did not qualify as "pre-eminent" according to the statutory requirement. This major example of Dutch landscape was subsequently acquired by private treaty by the National Gallery of Scotland for \$197,568 on the basis open market valuation of £385,000.

Both galleries are to be con-gratulated on having retained these important pictures in this country (at a cost to them of more than £450,000), and praise is also due to the owners and their agents for having given them the opportunity to do so. But genuinely effective steps should now be taken to ensure the practical machinery for dealing with offers in satisfaction of tax is in future fooiproof, so that public institutions and their supporters in the private sector are not compelled to raise funds to emedy the caprices of autocratic bureaucracy.

Finally, it is heartening to learn that Sir Michael Levey, the Director of the National Gallery, has now been able to persuade the Capital Taxes Office to take a more liberal

I am. Sir. your obedient servant, DENYS SUTTON, Editor, Apollo, 22 Davies Street, W1.

February 19.

#### The 'unsinkable' Titanic From Mr Michael Hollis

Sir, Philip Howard tells us that he has been unable to find any evidence that the Titanic was hailed as "unsinkable" until after it sank. What means, as the subsequent citation of his sources makes clear, is that he found no evidence in contemporary newspapers.

But a special edition of the magathe Shiphulder in 1911 described the vessel's system of transverse bulkheads and waterlight doors, pointing out that "The Captain may, by simply moving an electric switch, instantly close the doors throughout and make the vessel practically unsinkable."

This reputation seems to have gotten round to the passengers. One who survived, as she watched deck hands loading luggage at Southamp-ton, asked one of them: "Is this ship really non-sinkable?" To which she received a reply that echoes down the years: "Yes, lady. God Himself could not sink this ship." Again, as the passengers, alerted by the crew, began turning out of their

cabins and donning lifebelts, one young miss later recalled that four days previously, when a steward had placed a lifebelt in her stateroom, she had teased him for doing so, if the ship was really meant to be so unsinkable.

Major Peuchen; who survived be-cause he was a yachtsman who could manage a lifebont, recalled later that soon after the collision he remarked on this to a friend, who replied unconcernedly "Oh. I don't know. You cannot sink this boat."

To be sure, "unsinkability" was not trumpeted abroad too loudly. White for this had less the Popular.

White Star Line had lost the Repub-lic, 15,378 tons, in 1909. But some people at least believed that technology had gone beyond this by the time the Titanic was launched in 1911. These opinions (and other opinions on other matters) assumed pretty fragile appearance after that fateful night in 1912.

Sincerely, MICHAEL HOLLIS, 53 Romsey Road, February 15.

#### Repairs at Palace of Westminster

From Lord Movne

Sir, The letter you published on February 18 from the Muster of the Worshipful Company of Masons regarding the repairs urgently needed to the Palace of Westminster concludes by a self-denying reference to present economic conditions. But present economic conditions. But surely, Sir, expenditure on essential maintenance that will have some day to be done is exactly what needs to be undertaken at lower cost in a period of recession rather than at a higher one later in the period of boom, when deterioration will incidentally have presented by cidentally have increased. It is surely possible to keep a roof over the head of the Mother of Parlia-ments without overheating our freezing economy. Yours faithfully,

#### **EEC** languages

MOYNE.

House of Lords. February 23

From Professor J. Covency Sir, David Wood's article (February 16) on the "High cost of EEC's Tower of Babel" contains an inaccurate statement, namely that the "definitive treaty language of the Community continues to be French. The Treaty of Rome stipulates that the languages of all the member states are of equal status. It is true, however, that French continues to be the most commonly used language in the Community because it is the lat-guage of three member states. coupled with the fact that the Com-

munity institutions are located in French-speaking cities. The position regarding official languages in the European Parlicment was determined by the misfortune that Britain was not a member of the first European Community (the Coal and Steel Community) which decided that all the languages of the original 5.7 members, ie Dutch, French, German and Italian, should have equal status. Those four languages were the official languages of the Common Assembly of the Coal and Steel Community. Had Britain been a member of that Community at the outset it is highly probable that English and French would have been the only official languages of the Common Assembly (ancestor of the European Parliament), as is still the case in the parent organization, the Council of Europe with its

Parliamentary Assembly. It is almost too late: any attempt to reduce the number of official languages in the European Parlia ment will arouse linguistic nationalism, always latent in internation: assemblies.

Yours faithfully, J. COVENEY. School of Modern Languages, University of Bath, Claverton Down,

February 13.

#### Destiny of the Church

From the Reverend Eric Inglesby

Sir, Although your Religions Affairs Correspondent (February 16) splen-didly pinpointed the basic issue confronting the Synod in its debate on church unity, we cannot agree that the choice lies between "the Roman and Orthodox churches" on the one hand, and "those of the Reformation tradition" on the

We believe that there are three distinct choices, as we accept the traditional Orthodox view that the Roman Church is seriously in error, just as did the Reformers. But unlike the Reformers, who failed to rualize the fact, we believe that the true faith has been preserved intact within holy orthodoxy and that salvation, for the Church of England and everyone else, lies that way alone, rather than in Protestantism; and certainly not with Rome. Yours faithfully.

ERIC INGLESBY, Honorary Secretary, The Anglo-Orthodox Society, Spring Cottage, West End Gardens, Gloucestersbire. February 16.

#### Wizards that were From Mr Jack Adrian

Sir, I think Partridge was taking a bit of a risk when he said (Philip Howard, "The wizard of was" February 231 that slang only reaches school children after its reached everyone else. Surely some words and phrases have originated in the classroom, playground or even the nursery, and thence slipped into common usage. In the case of wizard", my understanding is that the word, used in the wizard-prang sense, comes from the boys' story-paper The Wizard, one of the so-called "Big Five" story-papers (Adventure, Rover, Skipper and Hotspur being the other four) which emanated from Dundee before the

In its original sense-The Wizard first came out in 1922—the word was synonymous with magician, sorceter and the like, but gradually, over the 1920s and 1930s, it came over the 1920s and 1930s, it came to be used as a superlative. It's interesting to note that in A. J. Jenkinson's What Do Boys and Girls read? (1940, quoted in Turner's Boys Will Be Boys) The Wizard headed the list of favourite papers read by boys in the 12-15 years old age group. By 1943, a good percentage of that group would have been in the armed forces, and not been in the armed forces, and not a few in the RAF.

Certainly, the word may well have been used as a jargon-word in the junior common room at Oriel in 1931-34, and taken up by Waugh, Rose Macaulay, and the rest, but I doubt that it stayed the course as such right up until the early 1940s: More likely, the secondary and public schoolboys of that era revived it, unwittingly, by lifting it Youre faithfully,

IACK ADRIAN, 22 Sumatra Road. West Hampstead, NW6. February 23.

# The engagement of the Prince of Wales to Lady Diana Spencer

One of the trials and recations of vibeing a Prince of Wales is the obsessive interest that complete strangers take in his private life. This is not simple prurience or vulgar star-worship, though a lot of it is, It springs from the religious roots of the monarchy as tribel totem and symbol of continuity. The ibonarch is not a crowned president. She is anointed. She represents a supernatural element in the nation. It may be tough luck (as the previous Prince of tough luck (as the previous Prince of Wales found), but more than anybody else in the nation the Prince has a duty to marry the right person and produce heirs to keep the line going. It may be superstition. But whom he marries is an important matter for the nation, as well as a matter of excitement for the gossip

the importance. One locus clossicus for his views on his marriage was in a television Interview with Brian Connell in 1969:
"You have got to choose somebody very carefully who could fulfil this particular role because people like you, perhaps, would expect quite a lot from somebody like that; and it has got to be somebody pretty special "

The other locus classicus came five years later when Kenneth Harris suggested that it was unlikely that he would marry someone who was neither of royal lineage nor an aristocrat: "There's no essential reason why I shouldn't. I'd be perfectly free to. What would make it unlikely would be accidental, not essential. Whatever your place in life, when you marry you're forming a partner-ship which you hope will last, say, 50 years—I certainly hope so, because, as I told you, I've been brought up in a close-knit happy family, and family life means more to me than anything else. So I'd want to marry someone who had interests which I understood and could share.

"Then look at it from the woman's point of view. A woman not only marries a man; she marries into a way of life in which she's got a contribution to make. She's got to have some knowledge of it, some sense of it, or she woulan't have a clue about whether she's going to like it. And if she didn't have a clue it would be risky for her, wouldn't it? If I'm deciding on whom I want to live with for 50 years risky for her, wouldn't it? If I'm deciding on whom I want to live with for 50 years well, that's the last decision in which I would want my head to be ruled entirely by my heart. It's nothing to do with class; it's to do with compatability. There are many cases of marriages turning out unsatisfactorily because a man married 'above' himself as there are when he married 'below'. Marriage isn't an 'up' or 'down' issue, anyway: it's a side-by-side one." Ouite so.

The last time a Prince of Wales married was on March 10, 1863 at St George's, Windsor. Tennyson celebrated

Sea-King's daughter from over the sea,
Alexandra I
Saxon and Norman and Dane are we,

But all of us Danes in our welcome to thee, Alexandra! We look forward to the present Poet Laureate's celebration, with pity and terror. Is it any longer possible for any-body other than E. Thribb to write serious ceremonial verses for such an

After the Prince has married, by the old-fashioned logic of the monarchy it will be possible to think again about his career. By definition the chief function of a Prince of Wales consists of waiting to succeed. It is important that in the way that the Prince who became Edward VII was forced to by his mother's traditional and unconscious jealousy of her heir.

Prince Charles's preparation for his been magnificent: almost too conscientious. After surviving the old-fashioned rigours of Cheam and the new-fashioned beartiness of Gordonstoun, he blossomed into an interesting and amusing person at Timbertop and Cambridge. He is the first close member of the Royal Family to have taken a university degree; perhaps the first since George IV to have been capable of one. The RAF and the Navy were a success:

The RAF and the Navy were a success: he enjoyed them and was good at the work. But he left too soon. His organization of the silver jubilee appeal was a triumph that confounded the cynics.

Since then his job has been what is officially described as "pursuing a programme of familiarization with various aspects of public life in Britain". The trouble is that a visit to some industry organized by the National Economic Development Office, a day behind the scenes at Downing Street or an afternoon in the gallery of the House of Commons does not seem to sceptics exactly a proper job; more like the crash course in public life organized for a Miss World. Most of the Prince's contemporaries at Cambridge, in their early 30s, have reached the stage in their 30s, have reached the stage in their careers where they have demanding and

responsible work to do.

The Prince is always irritated when The Prince is always irritated when somebody suggests that he does not do a proper job. He certainly has a very full diary and very busy day. It is true that his course of familiarization with all aspects of public life is undertaken in addition to the heavy normal round of royal duties and repeated visits abroad. Switzerland, Zimbabwe, the Netherlands, India this year, in addition to frequent private visits: the burden of them sounds intolerable to less eager travellets. He does a great deal of work on his trusts, and charities, and estates. But that is the sort of work that retired major-generals were invented to perform.

One of the suggestions has been that he should be introduced to the executive

should be introduced to the executive side of the monarchy business by being made a governor-general. It is accepted (viz: silly) Palace wisdom that Commonwealth countries will not take a bachelor governor-general: they want the wife, children, entertainment, and image of ideal nuclear family life. The trouble with that suggestion is that the job in Canada is at present intensely exposed and political: and Edward Schrever was sworn in to it only in January 1979. The Australians do not want a Pommy, and the job, after the passage between John Kerr and Gough Whitlam, is likely to become critically political again. New Zealand perhaps? Or one of the new Commonwealth countries? As is natural in his position, the Prince really does believe that the Commonwealth exists

and is valuable.

If a job in the Commonwealth gets the thumbs-down, why cannot he take a job, in industry or the Civit Service? One can see that something in private industry would be invidious and possibly unfair to the competitors. It would be an unkind and unnatural punishment to send him to British Leyland. But there send nun to British Leysland. But there are plenty of responsible and unpolitical jobs that he could do well in a nationalized industry or a department of state. Trade seems vulgar to some in the





## 'Perfect candidate' for a highly demanding job







Left: Charles, aged one, with the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth; Centre: the young Prince aged nine; Right: Charles takes part in a revue during his last year at Cambridge.





Playing polo, 1969; and right, as captain of HMS Bronington, 1976.

Another consequence of the Prince's marriage will be that he will have to find himself a place of his own in London. He-has lived at home for long enough, subject to the restrictions of gerontocracy, hierarchy, and tradition that are part of a hereditary monarchy. He needs to get this right after the indecisive muddle that he made over Chevening.

Another vexetion of being Prince of Wales is that journalists will write imwates is that Journalists will write impertinent pieces on set occasions. We
note with jny that the Prince's love of
music and particularly the opera is
genumely deep. With his grandmother
and his aunt he keeps the cultural flag
flying for the Royal Family. We note with
gloom that he has got a country house

Palace. It never seemed so to George VI. It in Gloucesteshire to be near the hunting if who knew that Britain lives or dies by it. . and the older Booray Henrys, who seem to the captious to be too numerous among his close friends. An unmarried Prince of Wales finds the company of older married men and women easier, because the marriage question does not arise. That difficulty now ends. If we are bound to niggle in order to display our virility, we might say that as a bachelor he has been in danger of becoming Action Man.

We are delighted that he has kept his anarchic sense of humour, but hope that it will soon progress beyond the Goons. He must not imitate his father in lecturing his audiences to work harder and do better; and he really must drop the regular jokey introduction to his specches: "I can't think why you have asked me to speak, because I know noth-

ing about silicon chips." (or, as it might be, "farming guines fowis", If he really can't think why, somebody should

Impertmence apart, it is generally agreed that we are lucky to have such a promising intelligent, and conscientious young man, who is likely, when put on, to prove most royally.

If one were writing a Tacitean account of his engagement, in which everything is arranged by court intrigue, one might observe mischierously that the Queen Mother's party (Livia?) had defeated the Mountbatten party (Agrippina?). It is a remarkable coincidence, even in this magic circle that both Lady Diana. Spencer's grandmothers and four of her greatenints were or still are attendants in the Queen Mother's court.

Countess Spencer (1897-1972) was her Lady of the Bedchamber. Ruth Lady Fermoy, the other grandmother has been a Woman of the Bedchamber since Lady Delia Peel (b 1889) was an Extra Wowan of the Bedchamber. Her sister, originally Lady Lavinia Spencer, who died in 1955, was an Extra Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen Mother when the was Duchess of York; the Queen Mother was her bridesmaid. Lady Katharine, Seymour (b 1900) is an Extra Woman of the Redchamber. And the Downson. the Bedchamber. And the Dowager-Durhess of Abercorn, the fourth great aunt, is Mistress of the Robes to the Queen Mother, who is fenced around with Spencers. She will have as many Spencers around her at the wedding as the brid-

hy, innocent, modest, retiring, because and coy, the girl next door. These are just some of the latels which have stuck like conferri to Law Diana Spencer during the intense specuation leading up to yesterday's appropriate of her engagement to

It was for some of these reasons that bie is seemed to many people such an emissibly suitable choice to become the first Princess of Wales since 1901 and the future Queen of England.

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Although not immediately of royal blood, Lady Diana, belongs to a family which has had close links with royalty for centuries and is distantly related.

She was born on the Sandringham estate in Norfolk and the family moved in 1975 to Althorp, Northamptonshire, when her father assumed the earldom. Jespite the families' close proximity, lady Diana said she first recalls meeting home Charles in November. 1977.

rince Charles in November, 1977.

Lady Disna is considered by friends to be the perfect candidate for what must be one of the most demanding of jobs, although one that has the attraction of

mmense prestige. Immense prestige.

At the age of 19 she is young enough not to have been seriously involved with other men-something, that is said to have been an important consideration to Prince Charles and his advisers — and manure enough to be discreet about her relationship, with him without antagoning the crees.

Her youth is in contrast to some of the older and more independent women whom Charles has previously accompanied, and the 12-year age gap may well have provided some serious doubts.

have provoked some serious doubts.

But it does have the advantage of making her mare adaptable to the strict demands of royal protocol and the relentless: exposure to the ever-inquisitive media demanding access to the royal couple's private life.

In addition to that she is pretty, poised and with a stylish sense of dress. Her teaching at a kindergatten in Pimlico in central London is said to have pleased the Queen, reflecting both professionalism and enjoyment of children.

and enjoyment of children.

The close family connexions with the Royal Family have also given her experience in handling the pressures which accompanied her relationship with Prince Charles; her modesty and charm have prevented her falling into some of the maps which led to the rapid exodus of his less discreet girl firends.

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To palace watchers, the engagement is seen as something of a triumph for the Queen Mother.

The late Lady Annaly, a great aunt of Lady Drana, was a close friend of the Queen Mother. It is well known that

Queen Mother. It is well known that Charles is extremely foud of his grand-mother and he may well have been influenced by this link.

Not that there is, likely to have been any opposition to the engagement within Backingham Palace. The Queen is apparently delighted with the choice and Prince Philip has been chievying Charles for some time to make up his mind. The ties between the two families can

only have facilitated the decision. Lady Diana's father, the eighth Lord Spencer, has been within the royal circle for many years and was equery to King George, VI between 1950-53 and to the Oneen for two years efter her accession. King George III and Queen were godparents to one of the daughters of the second earl, who was gust but of the Admiralty and Secretary of State. The third earl was Chancellor of the Exchequer and the fourth a rest-edmiral and Lord Chamberlain. The fifth was Lord Lientenant of Ireland, First Lord of the Admiralty, Keeper of the Privy Seal and Groom of the Stole to the Prince Consort and to Edward VII when he was Prince of Wales. The sixth was Lord Chamberlain to Edward VII and George V. Lady Disna is the youngest daughter of Lord Spencer's fors children by his first marriage to Frances, Lord Fermoy's sister. The union was dissolved in 1969.

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Her stepmother is Rame formerly Lady Darimouth, the daughter of the romentic novelist Barbara: Carriand. The marriage would therefore make Miss Carriand Prince Charles step-grand-mother-in-law.

The divorce of Lady Diana's parents, which in earlier and nore rigid times might have proved an obstacle to the marriage, has hardly been mentioned. Her mother has remarried to Mr Peter Shand Kydd. The children are still close to her.

Lady Diana and Trince Charles are distantly related. According to Mr David Williamson, senior contributing editor of Burke's Peerage, the are seventh cousins once removed, both Jeing descended from King James I and Laving a common an-cestor in the third Juke of Devonshire. Other generics have traced her family back to King Charles II, with various connexions with the Dukedom of Abercorn, the Dukes of Richmond and

the Lucan family
They are also distantly related to the
Spencer-Churchils, the Marlborough

family. Lord Spencer's friendship with the Lord Spencie's friendship with the Royal Family has meant that the Queen is godmother b Lady Diama's brother and her two sistes; Lady Sarah and Lady Jane, are odchildren of the Queen Mother and the Duke of Kent Lady Jane is married b Mr. Robert Fellowes, one of the Queen's assistant private secretaries. The sixtentheentury house at Althorp, with its thousands of acres of farmland, has been the family home for generations. It houses one of the finest private art colletions in the country, including

portraits by Reyrolds, Gainsborough and Van Dysk. The earl fell seriously ill two years an and despite a formidable effort,

has mide only a partial recovery.

Speciation about a comance started last Algust when it was discovered that Lady Diana hed spent a weekend at Balmoral.

She had often been seen with the Prince previously, but normally in the conpany of her eider sister. Lady Sarah, who is a close friend of Charles.

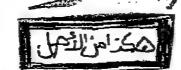
The speculation was fuelled by reports that two of Prince Charles confidences, lady Tryon and Camilla Parker-Bowles, and Tryon and Camilla Parker-Bowles, and Eyan their approved to the romance.

lad given their approval to the romance. Huckingham Palace, which has weathered many storms of publicity about the Prince's love life, refused to comment.

So the announcement has put an end for a popular and dong running form of entertainment predicting who and when Prince Charles would marry.

With the millions of words and rash predictions now forgotten, the focus of attentions will presumably shift to when a future heir to the throne will arrive.

John Witherow





#### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 24: It is with the
gratest pleasure that The Queen
got The Duke of Edinburgh
mnounce the betrothal of their
celoved son The Prince of Wales
the Lady Diana Spencer,
jughter of the Earl Spencer and
the Hon Mrs Shand kydd.
The Queen held an investiture
in Buckingham Palace this mora-

The Right Hon Margaret The Right Hon Margaret Marcher, MP (Prime Minister al First Lord of the Treasury) ad an audience of Her Majesty

ad an audience of Her Majesty his evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh, as an losorary Fellow of the Plastics at Rubber Institute, this mernig at Buckingham Palace prented the Institute's Prince nilp Award to Mr P. Sharruck. Afterwards His Royal Highness as present at luncheon with the build Members of the Institute resident, Mr S. Gibbs) at the syal Thames Yacht Club, nightsbridge, SW1.
Major John Cargin was in tendance.
His Royal Highness, Patron

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His Royal Highness, Patron
di Trustee of The Duke of
linburgh's Award, this evening
tended a Dinner in connexion
th the Award Scheme at the
ossenor House Hotel, Park
ne W1. ne, W1. Lord Rupert Nevill was in

ARENCE HOUSE bruary 24: The Hon Mrs John sholland has succeeded the dy Elizabeth Basset as Lady-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth c Queen Mother.

IATCHED HOUSE LODGE bruary 24: Princess Alexandra d the Hon Angus Ogllvy were esent this evening at a Contrigiven by Marvin Hamlisch, aid of the National Association. Maternal and Child Welfare d the Variety Club of Great italia, at the Royal Festival II. The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard s in attendance.

#### irthdays today

John Arlott. 67: Mr Anthony rgess. 64; Mr Tom Courtenay. ; Sir Antony Duff. 61; Sir Alan rre, 67; the Right Rev Dr J. Ramsbotham, 75; Sir Henry T. itb., 76; Air Marshal Sir Keith lliamson, 53.

#### aday's engagements

Queen attends reception given y Association of Lancastrians, liddle Temple, 6.30.

Duke of Edinburgh chairs election committee for Duke of chiburgh's Designer's Prize, lesign Centre. Haymarker, 0.30; as honorary member of meatonian Society of Civil naineers lunches with members, institution of Civil Engineers, ireat George Street, 1; as atron of Conference on Human, lalue holds reception, Buckingsam Palace, 6. iam Palace, 6.

hief, dines with officers of 2od ling Edward VII's Own Gurkha liffes (The Sirmoor Rifes), lucen Elizabeth Barracks, hurch Crookham, Hampshire,

outh Glamorgan County Counouth Glamorgan County Counil.

ka, lectures: Mark Rothko,
at Turner. Tate Gallery, 1;
osch, Ann Siee. National Galiry, 1; A medieval masteriece, the royal gold cup, Kenieth Whiteborn, British
Auseum. 11.30; The lion in
ireek srt. Anne Pearson,
iritish Museum, 1.15; An
vening with Geraint Evans,
fusic Club of London, Holbord
ibtary, Theobalds Road, 7.30;
cience fiction poerry, Edwid
Aorgan, Poetry Society, 21
pris Court Square, 7.30;
iampstead Heath border lands,
bristopher Ikin, Burgh House,
lew End Square, 8; The tworay media, a tool for the third
vorld, Dr Larry Soule, Africa
leutre, 33 King Street, 5.30.
per Stampe 1981, Royal Hortiultural Society, Greycoat Street
ind Vincent Square, 10-8.

nchime music: Richard Townmed plays Bach. St Margaret
othbury, 1.10; Erica Klemperer, violin, Holy Sepulchre,
1.15.
morial services: Sir James

"morial services; Sir James Wartin, St Clement Danes, Strand, nood; Mr Arnold Has-cell, St Paul's, Covent Garden,

#### andringham charges

Imission charges to Sandringm House and royal gardens to be increased by 10 pc. e six month season for itors to the Norfolk mansion Fig. on April 19 when adults it be charged £1.10 bor peasions will pay 90p.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Major A. J. Pearson
and Dr G. C. Court
The engagement is announced
between Anthony John Pearson,
The Royal Green Jackets, elder
son of General Sir Thomas and
Lady Pearson, of Strecte House,
Ross-on-Wye, and Gillian
Charlotte, only daughter of
Lieutenant-Colonel David Court,
and the late Mrs Mary Court, of
Drynham Lodge, Weybridge.

air S. E. J. Compson and Miss K. M. Neligan and Miss K. M. Neligan
The engagement is audounced
between Supplem, eldest son of
Ceptain and Mrs E. W. Compson,
of Shorne, Kent, and Kapie,
vounger daughter of Mr and Mrs
T. P. M. Neligan, of Esher,
Surrey.

Mr. G. C. Crosson and Miss J. R. Ingham
The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. C. Crosson of Westville, Natal, and Jane, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs R. S. S. Ingham, of 14 Abelia Road, Kloof, Natal.

Mr B. T. Murray
and Miss C. E. Baer
The engagement is suppunced
between Brian, son of Mr T.
Murray, of Dublin, and the late
Mrs Murray, and Charlotte,
daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. H.
Baer, of Braintree, Essex.

Mr G, F. Reynolds and Miss H. H. Mathews
The engagement is announce between Guy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ford Reynolds, of Wellington, New South Wales, and Harrier, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mathews, of Rut-land Grove, Hammersmith.

Mr J. S. Trapo and Miss S. L. Hyde The engagement is announced between james, son of Professor and Mrs J. B. Trapo, of 26 Vyner Road, London, W3, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs. P. T. Hyde, of 5 Lakeside, London, W13.

Mr A. M. Whaley and Miss J. M. R. de Baer and Miss J. M. R. de Baer
The engagement is announced
between Athelstan Michael,
youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.
Whaley, of Finchampstead, Berkshire, and Jacqueline Margaret
Rudston, daughter of Mr P. R. de
Baer, of Barnes and Mrs C.
Olding, of Ecchinswell, Newbury,
Berkshire.

#### Luncheons

Royal Society of Chemistry
The President of the Royal
Society of Chemistry, Professor Sir
Ewart Jones, was host at a
huncheon party held at 30 Russell Square, yesterday. The guests in-Cluded:
Mr Tam Dalyell, MP. Dr Dickson
Maboa, MP. Su Donys Wilkinsch, Dr
Jorens Bray, MP, Mr Arthur Falmer,
MP, Professor J. M. Ashwarth, Mr
A. N. Brown, Dr W. E. Duckworth,
Professor S. A. V. Ebsworth, Mr M. J.
de Fanbert Maunder, Mr B. A. Henman, Dr R. E. Parker, Mr J. R. Ruck
Konne and Mr C. N. Thompson,

Mr R. Dianogly
Mr Raphael Dianogly was host at
a lincheon given is honour of
Miss Valerie Hobson at the
Berkeley Hotel. London, SEI,
yesterday. Others present were;
Mr John Prolume, Mr David Profume,
Mr David Dianogly, Mrs Mriam
Dianogly, Mr Barbay, Mrs Mriam
Dianogly, Mr Mriam
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Dianogly, Mrs David Colson, Mr L. V.
Mr Jad Mrs Horbort Lom, Mr and Mrs David
Mrs Herbort Lom, Mr and Mrs David
Wobb, Mr and Mrs Robert Kennedy,
Miss Elspet Cirey, Brigadier and Mrs
Gerald Landy, Miss Jane Ropers-Colimen, Capisin J. A. R. Sweinson, Mr
Gerald Landy, Miss Jane Ropers-Colimen, Capisin J. A. R. Sweinson, Mr
Caldabraem, Inc. Ree Simon and Mrs
Konneth Lewis. Mr Rob Saled. Nin
Lyle Bennett, Muss Rosanae Bennett
and Mr Blainey Vaunces.

#### Dinners

Air Force Board Air Force Board
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael
Beetham, Chief of the Air Staff,
and members of the Air Force
Board were hosts at a dinner held
at RAF Staff College, Brackoell,
last night after the sixth Sir
Sydney Camm memorial lecture.
The guests included Mr. P. A.
Hearne, President of the Royal
Aeronautical Society, and members of the society. bers of the society.

To His Honour R. Fay, QC A dinner was held at the Inner Tempic on February 20 to mark the retirement of His Honoor Edgar Fay, QC, as an Official Referee of the Supreme Court. Among those present ware:

Judge William Stabb, QC, Judge Lewis Hawser, QC, and Judge John Newey. QC, string Official Reference Mr. Donald Kraiting, QC, Mr. I. N. Dunnan Wallece, QC, Mr. Pabrick Garland, QC, and Mr. Desmond Wright, QC.

#### Dartmouth passing-out Flying duties entry Rear-Admiral P. G. M. Herbert, Director General of Naval Man-power and Training, took the

salute at the passing-out parade last Friday when the following officers under training passed out from Britannia Royal Naval frem 1 College : College:
CENERAL LIST: Acting SubLeutenants N. J. Britton, M. J. Wass.
P. Whitby, C. N. Ball, C. Webb.
SUPPLEMENTARY LIST: Acting SubLieuteparits J. D. Austin, M. L. Clegs.
K. W. Crowther, A. P. Field, T. J. L.
Goble, J. A. D. Kirkwood, C. J. Lade,
R. R. Akm, M. A. K. Cropper, C. P.
Filmi, N. F. Copper, G. Heelom, A. J.
Lamble, P. Hearn, A. W. Kright,
R. G. Stewart, P. D. Waghorn.
SUPPLEMENTARY LIST (AIR): Acting
Sub-Lieutenants J. Aidiss, D. Chicken,
M. Watson, G. K. Shaw.
Midshipmen: D. Barclav M. Binmesd. D. Cowbier, C. Drager, W. Murtone, M. Watson, G. K. Shaw.
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# Glaziers' Company The Glaziers' Company gave a reception at Glaziers' Hall yesterday after their annual service in Southwark Cathedral. The tools of the craft were blessed by the Very Rev Dr Peter Moore and an authem, "Livem Tusm Da Nobis Deus", dedicated to the Master, Mr J. P. S. Edge-Partington, and the Company by its composer, Dr William Cole, was performed for the first time.

The following successful candidates for flying duties entry to the Royal Navy entered the Britannia Royal Naval College. Dartmouth, yesterday:

MEDIUM CAREER COMMISSION: Mid-shipmen S. M. Ellinan Bodinin Come S. Corawall; P. A. Lavery (Plymouth Puty); G. F. Long (Kimbolien S. Huntingdon). N. J. Roberts (RN Upper Yardman). D. Smith (Edinburgh Univ)

Unity

SHORT CAREER COMMISSION: Acting Sub-Lisusuanis C. J. Daiby 'Liverpool Unity', J. W. Carpill 'Scuthampton Unity', P. P. Danger 'Scuthampton Unity', P. P. Danger Commission Unity', E. D. P. Heelby 'Aberdeen Unity', E. D. W. Howarth (Bristol Unity', P. Sharpier (Manchesser Unity), D. Wharpier Essi Anglia, 'Unity', D. W. Symons (Leeds Unity), D. W. Symons (Leeds Unity)



ord Swann (centre) before his introduction in the Lords yesterday. lis sponsors were Lord Aldington (left) and Lord Hill of Luton.

or George Howard Woodball, of elly Park. Birmingham. left state valued at £114,561 net. He fit £20,000 and a fourth of the soldue to the British Homeostate valued at £114,561 net. He

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ther estates include (net, before
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enbury, Worcestershire £432,438

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## New Anglican view on remarriage emerging

By Sclifford Longley. Religious Affairs Correspondent

A new set of policies towards those who divorce and remarry began to emerge from the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday, with several small steps towards a loss severe discipline. But the main controversy was deferred.

The issue of the remarriage of divorced personos in church was put back and the July meeting, in spite of the complaint that the synod was putting the cart before the hirse. Some of the decisions taken yesterday could be everaken if the July meeting approved church remarriage, though the tenor of the debate did not make that seem probable. The synod was in favour of

Hon Pulcheria Katia

The marriage took place on February 23 between Mr Oliver Gilmour, second son of Sir lan and Lady, Caroline Gilmour, and the Hon Pulcheria Katla Grenfell, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Sr live.

The marriage took place at Roly Trinity Church, Exmouth, Devon, on Fobruary 21, between Mr Peter Krights, of Norfolk and Dubai, and Miss Patricla Frances Isaac.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Lieutenant-Colonel R. J. Isabc.

The marriage took place on Saturday at Chelsea Old Church

between Mr Richard Westoll and Miss Juliet Capron, The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson

The bride, who was given away

by her father, was attended by Michaela Eyston, Nichola ffrench-Blake and Anthony Sykes. Mr Charles Seymour was best man.

The marriage took place on Pebruary 18 between Mr John Young and Mrs Judy Chadd.

To mark the bicentenary of the

National Moseum of Antiquiries of Scotland, Mr George Younger,

Secretary of State for Scotland.

held a reception in 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, last night.

Lord Lyell received the guests.

Lady Mayoress of Westminster-

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayor-

ess of Westminster were hosts at

a civic reception given yesterday evening at City Hall. The guests

included the chairman of the GLC, members of the Diplomatic Corps, mayors of London

boroughs, representatives in Westminster of the Armed Services, the

arts, church, education, law, medicine and street associations,

and members and chief officers the city council and their

Dr Howard Hicks, president of the Institution of Production Engin-eers, presided at a reception and

Institution of Production

Glaziers' Company

ladies.

Engineers

Mr R. J. F. Westell and Miss J. D. J. Capron

Mr J. G. S. Young and Mrs J. A. Chadd

Receptions

HM Government

C. E. officiated.

Marriages | Mr O. Gilmous

Mr. P. Knights and Miss P. F. Isaac

ending the automitic exclusion from Holy Communion of those who married a second dine, even though the existing rules allowed diocesan hishops to lift the exclusion at their discretion on request from the clerry concerned, it will remain the responsibility of the clerry not to give Communion to an individual in a care of scandal.

The swood also requested that an individual in a case of scandal.

The synod also requested that in difficial form should be drawn up for the conduct of a service of prayer and dedication which would be available for use where a couple asked the church to bless their register office marriage. Speakers insisted, however, that such a service should be designed so that it could not be designed with a proper marriage service. so that it could not be donfused with a proper marriage service. By a narrow majority the synod felt that such services should be

trivate, explained by the Bishup of Durham. Dr John Habgood, as meaning by invitation rather than open to the general public.

The most significant relaxation concerned divorce dergymen and divorced candidates for ordination. The latter are at present automatically harred and the synod toted to give bishops the right to use their discretion in such cases. Divorced, clercymen may at present be refused institution to a new parish by the bishop, but the law is unclear and the synod was in favour of clarification. That would give the bishops the same sort of discretion as he would have over candidates for ordinals the general debate the synod heard conflicting pleas for compassion and forgiveness towards those whose marriages broke

down, and for the maintenance of the church's traditional teaching that marriage was a lifelong com-

Members approved a proposal for a working party to review the provision of preparation for marriage, and for the support of marriages which were under threat. It also expressed the hope that means could be found to provide some form of preparation for marriage in the case of register office marriages.

A motion by the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. John Taylor, that the rules should be altered to permit dworzed persons to remarry in church with the permission of the bishop was adjourned natil the summer to give further time for consideration. Members approved a proposa

#### £14,000 for Meissen tea service

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

German buying dominated Sotheby's sale of Continental por-Someby's sale of Continental por-celain and enamel yesterday, with an autonymous bidder naving 114,000 testimate 27,000 to 29,000) for a Meissen "yellow ground" tea and coffee service comprising 43 pieces. Each piece is decorated with hand-painted landscape panels; they date from about 1744.

The London dealer, Winifred Williams, beat the German competition to pay £11.000 (estimate £7,000 to £8,000) for an outside decorated Meissen cream pot, just over fiveinches, bigh and dating from the first half, of the eighteent converse.

from the first half, of the eighteenth century.

Much scholarly interest has concentrated in recent years on the individuals who took Meissen porcelain in the white and decorated it outside the factory; their histories are hard to disentangle.

This piece is thought to have been made at the Meissen factory about 1720 but decorated shout 1740-45 in Bayreuth with a charming capriccio landscape in black and white which runs right round its body. its body.

The same dealer was forced to pay £6,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) for a rare Bayreuth coffee-pot and cover with a brown glaze and silve rand gold decoration.

An enamel souff box signed by
the renowned Meissen decorator,
Christian Friedrich Herold, sold
for a more modest \$5,000 (estimate
\$4,000 to \$6,000). The little box,
with a laborate allegation with elaborate allegorical and armorial decoration, was probably made for the Elector of Saxony. Augustos III, King of Poland, and repeats themes found on mideighteenth-century medals. The sale totalled £154,460 with

# should certainly go in part to assist the taxpayer. Mr Mark Hughes (Durham, Lab), leading for the Opposition, said they had had no assurance of the kind given to the Lords by Lord Mansfield. He also demanded an indication of bow the recycling would be carried out. Mr Dennis, Canavan (Stringshire, West, Lab) said that without his amendment to restrict ministers' powers to transfer Forestry Commission funds to the Treasury, there would be a hole in the bottom of the commission's bucket, and from the hole a pipe connected to the Treasury. Mr Wiggin said that if sales of land and profits on the sensible needs of the Forestry Commission, as decided by forestry ministers, the more would of course he should certainly go in part to in bridge

The holders, Keith Stanley's team, again won the Woolwich Building Society's Spring Foursomes at Eastbourne on Monday night, In a remarkable run of 16 winning matches over two years they have never had to come from behind. ln the final they had a surpris-lngly easy victory by 102-27 over P. Alder's team, four members of which will be representing Great Britain in the Common Market Bridge Championships in Birming-ham in April, after leading by 25—8 at half time.

It was again German buying that secured the top price in Christie's glass sale, totalling £72,870, with 11 per cent unsold. Hr. Hübner, from Würzburg, paid, the top price at £2,200 for a beaker dating from about 1824. It is decorated in enamels by Anton Kothgasser with a pattern of scattered playing cards, and appears to be a decorative protest against an un-

ing cards, and appears to be a decorative protest against an unpopular Austrian state monopoly of the period; the sale of playing cards was a state monopoly and subject to taxation.

Christie's sale of prints and maps totalled E3.140, with 14 per cept unsold. The renowned set of topographical lithographs titled London as it is by Thomas Shotter Boys. 26 in all and pub-"London as it is", by Thomas
Shotter Boys, 26 in all and published in 1842; brought the top
price at £3;500 (estimate £3;500
to £4;500); the set is framed and
not in the best condition. It was
bought by London's Parker
Gallery.

## Run of 16 wins foursomes

By Our Bridge Correspondent

25—8 at half time,

At'. Harrogate the northern holders, A. R. Forrester's team (R. Smolski, G. T. Kirby, J. M. Armstrong, R. Upton, W. Salisbury) triumphed by 84—42 over C. J. Luck's team (A. C. Williams, R. E. Mordue, C. P. Melluish). The northern and southern winners will play off at Brighton in August, when the southern team, who won last year, will start as slight favourities.

The Woolwich Pairs Champion-ship was played over two sessions on Monday for those players eliminated from the teams event. Results:
1 Ceri Evans, Keith Loveys (London 1974: 2) Mor Seria Parton 15 Mor Surrey: 456; 5, 1, Panto 15usee M. Wlodarczyk, (London), 951.

#### Science report

Honoiary degrees are to be con-ferred on the following on July 17 and 18:

and 10; Emerical Professor SH Coorge Greofel Baines. Wiss iris Murdoch and SH Edgar Williams. LL D: S. M. de Bartolomé. D Emg. W. G. (Seberson. DSC: Dr H. Koy and Dr A. Spinks.

The following honorary degree will be awarded on a date to be

as decided by forestry commission, as decided by forestry ministers, the money would of course be transferred to the Consolidated Fund, the Government's general fund.

## Pollution: Breaking carbon-chlorine bond

From Clive Cookson of The Times Higher Education

Washington
Chlorinated hydrocarbous are an
important class of industrial chemicals. Unfortunately, many of
them are poisonous, and they do
not break down in the environment, so their production, which
runs into hundreds of millions of
tous a year, has caused strious
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However, two American researchers have discovered a simple chemical reaction that breaks the reactions carbon-chlorine bond. They believe it could be the basts of a safe and inexpensive method of getting rid of chlorinated hydrocarbons in industrial wastes.

chlorinated hydrocarbons in indus-rial wastes.

Such a process would be far superior to today's favourite dispo-sal techniques: incineration, which is costly and polluting, and dump-ing in a landfill, which is environ-mentally anacceptable in the long

term.
Dr Donald Sawyer and Dr Julian
Roberts, of the University of California, Riverside, report in the
Journal of the American Chemical
Society that the "superoxide"
ion, formed by adding an electron
to an oxygen molecule, stracks
chlorinated bydrocarbons very carbon tetrachloride and chloro-form, which have four and three-

chlorines respectively. Evidently a different mechanism is at work here; they do not yet know what it

The University of California has applied for a patent on its researchers' discovery; which could be used on site to remove persistent chlorine-containing chemicals from industrial waste. (It would work equally well with the corresponding compounds of bromine and todine, although these are less widespread.)

than a refrigerator."

The researchers maintain that the process will be cheaper and safer than incineration. "While it uses an electrical current, an expensive form of energy, this extremely efficient process would save the cost of transporting and concentrating these wastes", Dr. Sawyer said. And removing chlorine may make it possible to recycle the remaining organic materials. materials.

#### **OBITUARY** PROFESSOR WALTER SIMON Advances in the teaching of Chinese

Professor Walter Simon, National Language Romaniza-CBE, FBA, who died on Febru-ary 22, at the age of 87, was Emeritus Professor of Chinese and undergraduates cut their tion, and on this script a whole generation of service students and undergraduates cut their Emeritus Professor of Chinese in the University of London.
Ernst Julius Walter Simon was born in Berlin on June 10, 1893. He studied romance and classical philology at the university there from 1911 to 1914, and in 1919 entered the library profession. teeth. Perhaps even more important than this temperary training scheme was the fact that Simon laid, with Germanic ther Simon laid, with Germanic thoroughness, but a humane appreciation of the values of Chinese culture, the foundations of modern British sinelogy. Thanks to him, what was once the province of gifted, but ageing amateurs, is now a professional field of study.

In the years from 1950 to 1950 when he was at the head and in 1919 entered the library profession. After a year or two at Kiel, he served until 1935 at his old university. Here he built up a parallel career as a Sinologist, studying under the late Otto Franke. From 1926 he was lecturer, and from 1932 to 1934 Extraordinary Professor of Chinese. He spent the year 1932-33 on exchange service with the National Library in Peking. Simon's return to Europe coincided with the rise of the Nazi party in Germany, and, like many others, he was penalized because of his origins. In 1934 his venia legendi of the Nazi party in Germany, and, like many others, he was penalized because of his origins. In 1934 his venia legendi ree, made rapid and balanced was withdrawn, and in 1935 his library career was prematurely terminated. In 1936 he came to England with help from the Academic Assistance Council, academic expansion possible. China was still open to visitors. and book buying tours were possible. Simon made full use of these opportunities, and the present Department of the Far East at SOAS is his lasting and received academic hospitality at the University of London, From 1936 he was lecturer in Chinese at the School of Oriental and African monument.
Simon's own interests lay principally in the field of Sino-Tiberau philology. His first

Studies, from 1938, Reader, and from 1947 to 1960 he occupied a chair of Chinese. major contribution was his Tibetisch-chinesische Wortglei-As in other fields, Germany's self-inflicted losses in oriental chungen: cin Versuch, and his last paper, published only a year or so ago, was entitled studies proved Britain's gain, in Some Tibetan etymologies of semantic interest. His many friends and pupils will rememboth the short and long terms. After Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour, it was belatedly realised how desperately short ber him also for his unfailing kindness and for his strict but we were of oriental experts. It was Simon who developed courteous honesty in everything the Chinese side of an ambi-tious scheme for training hundreds of young men for be did. intelligence work. He intro-duced into SOAS the use of the

He was elected to the British Academy in 1956, and appointed CBE in 1961. He leaves a widow and two so-called Gwoyeu Romatzyh, or

Physical Laboratory, Tedding-ton, and Owens College, Man-chester, in 1917, and at the RAF

#### CAPTAIN LEONARD PLUGGE

Captain Leonard Frank research work at the National Plugge, who died in California on February 19 at the see of 91, was Conservative member of Parliament for the Chatham division of Rochester from 1935

He was particularly interested he was particularly interested in wireless and television and was a pioneer of commercial broadcasting in Europe. In 1925 he persuaded Selfridges to sponsor a fashion talk from the Eiffel Tower in Paris and threa listeners in this country wrote in to say that they had heard the broadcast. A rather more the broadcast. A rather more ambitious venture was the formation of a private concern, the International Broadcasting Com-International Broadcasting Company in 1930. The following year IBC began arranging broadcasts from Radio Normandie, a name which will bring back memories to many older listeners. Radio Normandie was a 10kW station situated near Feremp and its broadcasts were well received in large parts of southern England. Asa Briggs in The

England. Asa Briggs in The Golden Age of Wireless remarks that Plugge talked of Radio Normandie as a "thirteenth colony" which justified all the efforts of IBC and which had the backing of a number of big advertising agencies, some of them American; many of the programmes were of an American type such as "soap operas". In spite of strong pressure by the BBC to get succeeding French governments to control French governments to control commercial broadcasts from France, Radio Normandie survived.

Plugge described himself as an inventor and not without justification. He devised an early form of radio telephone for cars and in his entry in Who's Who claimed to bave invented television glasses and stereoscopic cinematograph.

Born on September 21, 1889, he was the only son of Frank Plugge, of Brighton, and educated at Dulwich and University College, London. He obtained his BSc degree in 1916, and at the University of Brussels was a graduated candidate logs.

Establishment, Farnborough, in 1918, as well as at the Imperial College of Science, South Kensington. In 1918-19 he was with the Department of Scientific Research at the Air Ministry. He served on the Ministry. He served on the Inter-allied Aeronautical Com-mission of Control in Berlin and in 1919-20 was aeronautical delegate at the Spa Conference. From 1923 until 1930 he was with the London Underground Railways group of companies.
At the general election of 1935 he was elected member of Parliament for the Chatham division of Rochester. The Labour opponent whom he de-feated by 5,897 votes in a straight fight was none other than Hugh Gaitskell. man Hugo Garskell.

With the Second World War
rapidly approaching Plugge's
scientific knowledge proved
useful to the National Govern-

Coalition which succeded it.
From 1939 to 1943 he was
Chairman of the Parliamentary
Scientific Committee. He also

Scientific Committee. He also served from 1937 to 1943 as honorary secretary of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

But he never seemed completely at home at Westminster. Perhaps he was too much of a "lone wolf". At all events, it soon became evident that the rough and tumble of political life was not his metrer, and his defeat at Chatham by Mr Arthur defeat at Chatham by Mr Arthur in the national triumph of Labour at the 1945 general election must have been something of a relief to him. Once again he was able to devote his time to scientific research. He was Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur. He married Gertrude Ann,

daughter of Frederick Rowland, They had two sons and a daughter of whom one son survives. His daughter Mrs Gale Ann Benson died tragically. She lived in Trinidad and became lovolved with Michael the University of Brussels was a graduated candidate Ingénieurs de Mines.

He served in the First World War, being commissioned sublicutenant RNVR in January 1917, and promoted lieutenant in December of the same year. In 1918 he was transferred to the RAF as a captain. He did became involved with Michael X, the Black Power leader. In 1979 Stanley Abbot was hanged after being convicted of her murder. Abbot, together with Michael X and Edward Chadee, was found guilty of plotting and carrying out the murder. Michael X was executed for the murder of his cousin.

#### MR JOHN GWYNNE

Mr David McKenna writes: John Gwynne, who died recently at the age of 75, was a man of high ideals, great de-

termination and personal courage, with at the same time a warmth of character that secured the friendship of people of all ages.

His family, which came from Wales, and made their money in the 19th century by the manufacture of hydraulic pumps, settled towards the turn of the century in Sussex where John was brought up. Violet Gordon Woodhouse, that remarkable pioneer in the revival of the clavichord and harpsichord as living instruments in the performance of early music, was his father's sister.

After Eton and Christ Church. of all ages.

After Eton and Christ Church, After Eton and Christ Church, John qualified and practised as a solicitor in London up to the beginning of the Second World War. Joining the Army he saw service in France in the early stages, where he was wounded, and subsequently, back in England, worked with the late Peter Fleming in forming and train-

Flewing in forming and train-ing units in operations behind the enemy's lines. Later, although distinctly on the old side, he completed his parachute training and joined

the SOE as an active member. He took part in operations in Greece but was invalided home Greece but was invalided home after contracting cerebral meningitis. His last military appointment was as Officer in Charge of Religious Affairs in the Control Commission of Germany. Always interested in the educational ideas of Kurt Hahn, he then became the first execu-tive director of the successful

Outward Bound movement, where these ideas could be put into practice.

Mrs 'Woodhouse, that most beautiful of Gloucestershire manor houses, Nether Lypiatt, together with her collection of early keyboard instruments, and was both enthusiastic and generous in encouraging young musicians by arranging young musicians by arranging concerts for them, particularly where early music was featured. He carried on this support in the which he finally retired.

An intrepid rider to hounds and a skilful gardener, he loved

the Gloucestershire countryside but never lost his intense intelbut never lost his intense intel-lectual curiosity which caused him to probe deeply into the religions and philosophies of other cultures. He would under-take by himself long expedi-tions abroad with no regard for personal comfort. But in spite of this austere side of his nature, he was devoted to his children and remained a most children and remained a most lively member of a wide circle of friends by whom he will be greatly missed. He married Patricia, daughter

of Sir Clive Morrison-Bell, and had a son and a daughter.

Shalkh Ahmad bin Rashid Mu'alia, ruler of Umm al-Mu'alia, ruler of Umm al Qaywayn, one of the emirates constituting the United Arab Emirates, for 52 years, died on February 21. He was believed to be in his seventies. His son, Shaikh Rashid bin Ahmed bin Rashid al Mualla, who had been deputizing for his ailing father for some years, succeeds him.

#### atest wills

From The Times of Friday, . Feb 24, 1956

on a tree vote on Thursday last on the question of capital punishment. A deep silence fell on the crowded chamber as Sir Anthony Eden told it in a semence or two that the Government had decided to find time for a second reading of the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill which had already been introduced by Mr Sydney Silverman, Labour member for Nelson and Colne.

## An honorary degree of PhD has been conferred on Mr Perrick Riley. local

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and 18:

Coins on test: Master John Ritchie, the Queen's

Remembrancer, administering the oath for the United Kingdom coinage at the opening of the Trial of the Pyx at

Goldsmiths Hall, London, yesterday. The coins to be tested

include the first gold proof sets to be issued since 1937.

Conversazione at Guildhall, yesterday evening given to mark the institution's diamond jubilee: During the evening Dr Hicks presented new institution medale to Mr H. L. Mussprove, Mr A. B. Events; Dr H. Peter Jost and Mr. F. G. By John Winder

Labour MPs yesterday demanded firm assurances that funds raised by the sale of Forestry Commission land would be used to

by the sale of Forestry Commission land would be used to develop forestry, and objected when they did not get words to march what had been said by a minister in the Lords the right before.

On Monday evening Lord Mansfield, Minister of State for Scotland, had said that money raised by the sales "will not be lost to forestry" but would be recycled to the Forestry Commis-

cycled to the Forestry Commis-

Yesterday, in the standing com-

resterday, in the standing committee in the Commons on the Forestry Bill, which allows sales of Forestry Commission assers, Mr Jerry Wiggin, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said that the money, if it was substantial,

Elections:

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A. W. Lintott. MA. PhD. Senior lecturer—in classics. Aberdeen TRINITY COLLEGE: Exhibition.

Appointments

Dr. F. K. Kong is appointed to
the chair of structural engineer-

ing. 7
Dr C. J. Hull is appointed to the chair of amesthesia and to the headship of the department of anaesthesia.

Souder lecturers: Dr P Kendell-Taylor, Dr R Lendrim, Dr M, H, Snow, Dr W, M, G Tunbridge and Dr M, K, Ward (medicine): Dr S. P. Tryer (conchiber):

University news

Oxford Elections

Newcastle

By John Winder Parliamentary Staff

rapidly. The chiprine atoms are removed as barmless chloride ions and replaced by oxygen.

The overall effect is to convert a chlorinated bydrocarbon into an alcohol, aldehyde, acid or carbonate, depending on the number of chlorine atoms attached to each carbon atom. Those compounts are generally much less toxic than the starting material.

The reaction must be carried out in an aprotic solvent, such as Dimerbyl sulphoxide, and in the absence of water. The easiest way of generating superoxide ions is to pass an electric current through the solution; that adds electrons to the dissolved molecules of oxygen gas.

Before Dr Sawyer and Dr Rob-erts, chemists had only investigated the effect of superoxide on hydrocarbons containing one chlorine atom. They found a reaction mechanism (aucleophilic sub-stitution) which would have gone increasingly slowly in compounds that had two, three and four chlorines attached to a single car-

The Californian chemists made the surprising discovery that the reaction went most quickly with

The University of California has

Only a simply electrochemical apparatus would be needed, according to Dr Sawyer, and it could be fitted into " a black box larger than a breadbox and smaller than a refrigerator."

Source: Journal of the Ameri-can Chemical Society (vol 103, p. 712-714) 1981. ..

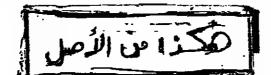
Stock Exchange Prices

## **Equities rally**

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Feb 9. Dealings End, Feb 27. 5 Contango Day, March 2. Settlement Day, March 9

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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### -INBRIEF **Aergers**

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The Mergers Panel meets toto ask four government partments for their views on nrho's £158m rakeover bid the House of Fraser stores oup, which owns Harrods and fighting the bid.

After the meeting Mr Cordon rie, Director General of Fair iding, will send his recom-ndations to Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for ide, who will decide whether takeover should be investied by the Monopolies Com-

ast July Mr John Nott, then de Secretary, said that the rernment would take a ner line on takeovers, par-darly those which lacked lous commercial logic and e aimed chiefly at boosting re earnings.

he OFT's recommendation the Trade Secretary's deci-rare likely to be announced the next few days. Next inesday Lonrho, with 29.99 cent of Fraser, asks sharelers for approval of the deal r which it is free to buy ser's shares in the stock ket.

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an assets move The Treasury has ordered nerican banks and other ancial institutions to begin nsferring \$2,000m (about 10m) of Iranian assets in the tited States to the Federal serve Bank in New York.

#### nit trust sales

Unit trust sales in January £63.9m were the second thest since April, 1978, and ostantially up on the £48.4m orded in December.

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## Congress likely to reduce scale of Reagan budget proposals substantially

Washington, Feb 24
The United States Congress will reduce the scale of President Reagan's proposed speuding cuts and tax reductions substantially and it will complete work on the Budget by the end of July, according to Congressman laws longs the Congressman James Jones, the new chairman of the Budget Committee of the House of

Representatives. Mr Jones recently visited the United Kingdom and stated that British experiences clearly showed that large spending cuts must be made before

Cutting taxes.

The administration has not made its proposed tax reductions of \$53,000m (£22,083m) contingent on its planned spend-ing cuts of \$41,400m. Mr Jones said that he had had detailed talks with Wall Street leaders and with Mr Paul Volker, chair-man of the Federal Reserve Board and it was clear that if tax cuts came before action on spending the country would see chaos in financial markets with interest rates rising to record

levels.

He would not be surprised if work on the tax Bill was completed before action was taken on the spending cuts, but he would strive to delay the sending of a tax reduction Bill to President Reagan for signing. He was aiming to send a Bill covering all spending cuts to the President by mid-July and he hoped that the Congress would send the tax Bill to the White House two weeks later.

Bank to free

The Bank of England quickly

sold remaining supplies of its

latest short-dated stock issue, Treasury 12 per cent 1985, yesterday and announced that

it would cut temporarily the banks' minimum reserve asset

ratio next week to cope with

The minimum reserve asset ratio for banks will come down

from 10 per cent to 8 per cent

The move will release an additional £1,300m of liquidity

into the banking system to deal

with shortages expected to

arise next week, mainly as a

result of petroleum revenue

The authorities stressed that

the move was technical and

gave no indication of general interest rate policy or of any imminent moves to do away

with the present reserve asset

The rapid self-out of the Treasury 1986 stock (at £201

per cent) came as a surprise because it had been thought that around half of the £1,000m

issue was still in the govern-ment broker's hands.

After the exhaustion of sup-plies, short-dated stocks made

market now expects a new stock

to be announced on Friday. Mediums and longs scored gains

of up to 50p.

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of assets

By John Whitmore

Under the law the budget committee has great power but recently this has been under-mined. Mr Jones said: "This is clearly a make or break year for the budget process and I am confident it will work." To

succeed he must have the sup-port of chairmen of other powerful committees and it looks as if he may get this. He suggested that President Reagan has asked for spending cuts greater than those actually needed to secure his economic goals. If Congress gave the President three-quarters of his desired cuts of about \$30,000m, this would represent "an historic turnaround" for the United States. He guessed that Congress might approve cuts of as much as \$25,000m.

He believed that tax cuts should be more specifically directed towards boosting savings and investment. He expected the President's proposals for outs of as much as \$10,000m, through changes in depreciation rules, to be approved, but that big changes might be made in the plan to cut all income taxes 10 per cent. The final tax bill might amount to \$18,000m less revenue than that of around \$35,000m proposed by the White

The timing of budget moves could have important effects on expectations in financial markets. Mr Jones outlined his own timetable but said that it was ambitious.

His committee will receive the detailed 1982 fiscal year budget from the White House

March. The committee will com-plete works on a resolution em-bracing all the key budget numbers, as well as drafting an omnibus Bill covering all spend-ing sectors, by mid-April.

The resolution and the spend-

The resplution and the spend ing Bill will go to the floor of the House of Representatives, with a final budget resolution with a final budget resolution for the current fiscal year which ends on September 30, immediately after Easter. Discussions should be completed by mid-May. At that time each of the Individual spending committees of the House will be instructed to make detailed plans swiftly for changes in present legislation to implement the new spending cuts, and this the new spending cuts, and this work should be finished by mid-

June.
Mr Jones hoped that between mid-July the mid-June and mid-July the spending Bill could be completed, with compromises reached by both houses of Congress and the final votes

taken.

"Mine is a very ambitious schedule, but a very 'doable' one. The danger is that if we dither around beyond August the whole package may start to unravel," he said.

President Reagan was going to face a tough battle in Congress and he would have to exert a lot of pressure and do a lot of behind the scenes horse trading with members of the

trading with members of the Congress. The President's pro-

## **Pound hits 10-month** low against dollar

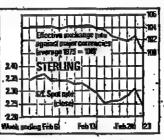
The pound, dollar and Deutsche mark all moved violently in foreign exchange markets yesterday, the central feature of which was a remarkable morning rise in short-term Deutsche mark interest rates.

The pound started European The pound started European trading about 11 cents down from Monday's close as speculation on a large cut in minimum lending rate in the forth-coming. Budget prompted further selling in the Far East. During the morning it railled to \$2,2490 before retreating to \$2,2260, ending the day 115 points down on the previous day at a 10-month low of \$2,2340.

weighted exchange rate index special Lombard facility at 12 per cent. Call money rates then plunged to a little over 12 per cent, dominated by the dollar cent while Euro-mark rates de-

and Deutsche mark, in the wake of German interest rate moves. Short-term money market rates moved up smartly in the morn-ing, with call money rates touching 23 per cent at one

Dealers said that some banks were scrambling for funds in the markets to fulfil minimum reserve requirements after February tax payments. In last Thursday's moves to tighten credit and boost the mark, the German Federal Bank sus-pended the regular Lombard lending facility at 9 per cent and called in the banks' out-standing Lombard debt.



Interest rate rises in the over into the Euro-mark mar-ket. One-mouth deposits opened at 11 per cent and rose by an unprecedented 5 points to 16 Sterling closed 11 pfennigs lower egainst the Duetsche mark at DM4.7275, having fallen to DM4.69 during the day, but was up against the Swiss and French currencies. Its trade the first time under its new the first time the first tim

clined more sedately, The dollar closed substanrially lower against most cur-rencies in New York partly in reaction to a 22 per cent decline in durable goods orders in January. The news prompted an easing in Eurodollar deposit rates, as it provided some re-inforcement for the belief that American interest rates may

decline further.

The dollar finished at 2.090 marks, well below yesterday's 2.1315/30. Citibank followed other leading United States banks in cutting its prime rate to 19 from

## After a series of profit set-

backs in manufacturing industry, it was the turn of two large financial groups, National Westminster Bank and Commercial Union Assurance, to announce lower profits yester-

NotWest the second of the big four' banks to announce its 1980 figures, dashed most City expectations when it reported pretax profits down by £31m, from £441m to £410m. Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton,

the chairman, gave warning that interest rates in Britain were likely to continue to fall this year, "and, together with subducd loan demand and increased operating costs, are likely to impact adversely on 1981 profits."

While the bank's interna-tional division reported better results with profits rising from £104m to £155m, NatWest was hit on the domestic front by rising costs and soaring bad debts. The contribution from

to Cl38m.

Bad debts for the group bare risen from 540m to 5120m, and for the parent bank in Britain provision for bad debt rose from £19m to £55m. Staff costs constitution by around

from £19m to £55m. Staff costs overall have gone up by around 30 per cent.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton vesterday pointed out that, adjusted for inflation on a current cost accounting basis, profits for the year would, have been down from £336m to £243m. He said that is a paried of high inflation. that, in a period of high infla-tion, a large element of profits had to be set aside simply to maintain the level of working

Like ell clearing banks, Nat-West has seen customers switch-ing from non interest bearing current accounts to interest bearing deposit accounts. This has made the cost of funds more expensive to the bank.

Last year, while total deposits rose by some 18 per cent, cur-rent accounts increased by only 2 per cent, while seven day sav-ing accounts went up by 37 per cent and deposits from the money markets rose by 24 per

cent. The effect of that was to reduce the proportion of current accounts from 45 per cent to 39 per cent of total deposits. Thanks to an increase in the leasing business from £363m to £492m, the tax charge remained low. For the group as a whole it was only 22 per cent. Responding to threats of a windfall profits tax in the Budget, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "If ever there was a case for it, and I do not think there was, it was last year." He said it would "not be healthy when we'll need all the resources we'll be able to lay our hands we'll be able to lay our hands on to help our customers."

Commercial Union yesterday announced a 25 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £103.2m for 1980.

The company is to raise premiums on its motor insur-ance policies from July 1. The increase, which follows a small

rise in its motor losses last year to £2m, is likely to be less than the 18 per cent adjustment last July.

The group has already The group has already announced that house contents

NatWest and CU profits cut back between 12 per cent and 18 per cent from March. Commercial Union said that its underwriting account in this country had moved from a profit of £3.5m to a loss of £2.3m in the year.

Worldwide, the company made losses of £57.3m on its underwriting business, with the £31.8m lost in the United the E31.8m lost in the United States by far the largest setback. Although Commercial Union's push into the United States has produced premium growth of 15 per cent twice the industry average, the cost continues to be heavy especially in new computer systems. Expenses as a proportion of premium income rose to 34 per cent.

The group is expecting another difficult year in the United States in 1981, but thereafter expects costs to stabilize and profits to improve as premium income grows. Elsewhere Commercial Union continues to face difficult conditions in Canada and Western

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Brewers

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expecting

By Edward Townsend

in beer sales

Britain's brewers, who have

campaigned in recent months against any further increase in duty on drinks, have forecast that the 1981 beer market will

fall by more than three per cent

to 39.3 million bulk barrels.

In a statement issued just two weeks before the Budget, the Brewers' Society said yes-

terday that although an up

turn in beer sales was expected next year, growth in demand would be between 1.5 per cent

and 1.75 per cent a year until

## Concession to Post Office on private delivery licensing

The Government offered a concession to the Post Office over Issuing licences to private postal carriers at the committee stage of the Telecommunications Bill yesterday.

An amendment to clause 65 (3) of the Bill, tabled by Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Industry and Information Technology and accepted by the committee, gives the option for payments for licences to be made to the Post Office insread of to the Secretary of State for

The Secretary of State retains wide powers both to issue licences and to suspend the postal monopoly. These powers were described as a "postal pirates' charter " by Mr Charles Morris (Openshaw, Lab).

Mr Ken Weetch (Ipswich,

Challenge

air fares

By Arthur Reed

burgh,

on domestic

British Midland Airways has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to

break the monopoly enjoyed by

British Airways on shuttle air

services between London and Glasgow and London and Edin-

The airline, an independent group based at East Midlands airport. Derby, plans to offer a fare saving of £20 over the state airline. Its application is for a maximum of six flights each day in each direction from October, using DC 9 airliners.

Appropriate the application

Announcing the application in Glasgow yesterday, Mr Michael Bishop, chairman and

managing director of British Midland, said: "We believe the

time has come for an independent airline such as ours to be given access to the high-

"We wish to offer a clear choice—the existing shuttle service, with its obvious short-coming and relatively high fares, or a fully-bookable, cost-

saving alternative, with a high

volume trunk routes

tive licence holders would apply only for profitable parts of the postal distribution network and that the Bill opened the way to "major privatization".

worried about the absence of provision for an independent licensing authority for what they described as potential state permits to make more Mr :Michael Marshall; Under

Secretary of State for Industry, said that, although it was not spelled out in the Bill, it was the Government's intention to issue licences only where the Post Office's service was un-

Energy Correspondent

Grants have been awarded

for the replacement of oil-fired

equipment with coal-fired plant

under 38 industrial schemes

throughout the United King-dom, Mr John Moore, a junior energy minister said yesterday.

If all these schemes were to

go ahead 181 megawatts of coal

burning capacity would be created using 80,000 tonnes of

Grants made under the energy conservation scheme which ran

from June 1978 to June 1980 would total £1.4m and the total

In answer to a parliamentary

question, Mr Moore said that industrial interest in burning

coal was now very high. The. National Coal Board had in

formed the department that it

had received more than 1,000 inquiries about conversions to

tensions of coal burning plant. If all these inquiries were to

result in action, coal consump-tion would be increased by

coal, and replacement or

capital costs would be £5.6m.

coal a year.

38 grants awarded for

oil-to-coal conversions

all cases there will be full consultation with the Post Office." The three areas where licences will be issued are; the delivery of Christmas cards by charities; document exchanges; Other opposition MPs were and time-sensitive or express

> Mr Marshall said that the first two categories would be covered by general licences. There was no question of large scale pro-'cedures being needed to deal with individuals.
>
> Mr Marshall did not describe.

> the criteria for express mail carriers, but Sir Keitli Joseph has already said that this will depend on a premium fee being charged.

Post Office's service was unsatisfactory, apart from three specific categories of users.

"The Government does not envisage that the powers will be used frequently", he said.
"I have emphasized that in charged. Parts of the postal network are highly profitable if taken in isolation. The amendment will give the Post Office, the opportunity to recover lost revenue in the event of a private licensee being called in.

ing talks with the Department

of Industry this week about

schemes to encourage British

industry to change from oil to

Soft loans are available from

the EEC with interest at four

per cent below market rates, but the Covernment has not yet decided whether to provide

The coal board has been pressing the Government to provide help for conversion schemes and the demand has

been taken up by the National Union of Mineworkers.

Increased industrial demand

for coal would ease the prob-

lems of the recession and allow

some of the production now go-ing into stock to be used.

Elsewhere in Europe soft loans are provided for conver-

sion schemes. France, for example, provides loans up to

cover for exchange risks.

The new forecast for 1981 is 5.1 million bulk barrels lower than the industry predicted a year ago. Last year's beer consumption was 40.7 million barrels in the consumption of the cons rels, itself a drop of about 3.7 per cent on the previous year. Daily beer sales are now expected to be 31 million pints in 1981 compared with the previous estimate of 35m.

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"On present evidence this year will be very flat unless there is a sudden upswing in economic activity or we have a super sunny summer."

Breweries are now operating well below their estimated capacity of about 60 million bulk barrels a year, and this has been exacerbated by new production units coming on stream in the last 12 months, notably those built by Courage and Whitbread. After recently announced

After recently adhounced closures, particularly the Ansells brewery in Birmingham and the Courage unit at Southwark, London, industry observers expect further con-

traction this year. Last week, the two main public house licenses organizations gave a warning to the Treasury that any increases in duty could lead to more public 25 per cent of the total capital house closures. nouse cinsures.

The society said breweries would be concentrating upon improving tenanted and managed establishments to enable to provide exchange cover to make use of the EEC plan lies aged estal licensees not so far been enthusiastic.

licensees to meet current

#### dropping as low as 124 per cent. about 5 million tonnes a year. Accelerated spending urged for UK road-rail network

Top union leaders and nationalized and private sector transport industries have taken the unprecedented step of join-ing forces to press the Government to increase spending on the country's road and rail network by more than 50 per

In a submission to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, 10 organizations and unions, some of whom traditionally have been at loggerheads with each other, say they are colleborating to make clear "that we are concerned not simply with the comparative claims on resources of road and

rail but with the fundamental need to maintain and develop the necessary infrastructure to enable rail and road to make the most of what each has to

The submission says that Britain's transport investment of £1,200m a year is substanti-ally less than six years ago. It calls for the trunk road programme to be accelerated and framme to be accelerated and for an early start to be made on railway electrification. Failure to increase investment in transport was deterring economic recovery. We see action in this area not only as supportive of national recovery but as a forerunner of it."

Signatories to the submission Signatories to the submission

Robert Dale

Mr

man of British Rail; Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Mr Terry Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers; Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fire-men; and Mr Sidney Weighell, General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen.

The remainder are leaders of the British Road Federation, the Freight Transport Association, National Freight Company, Road Haulage Association and the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association.

They have told Mr Fowler

Lucas and Chloride get together in £10m project with government aid

Push ahead for electric vehicles technology

domestic product, road and rail investment has fallen from 12 per cent in 1970 to its present level of 0.63 per cent. It is likely to fall further by 1933 to 0.58 per cent, representing expenditure of £1,100m.

And Britain lags behind the And Britain lags behind the rest of Europe, says the submission. Compared with the United Kingdom, France has a motorway network just under twice the size and Germany just under three times the size. The United Kingdom has 2,309 miles of electrified train route (20.8 per cent of total route mileage) France has 5,955 (28.1 per cent) and Germany 5,588 per cent) and Germany 6,588 (37.2 per cent).

The European Commission has proposed a £20,000m fund to, eliminate, transport bottle of the bottlenecks in the United Kingdom will remain for years because of the low level of re-sources devoted by the Government to the transport sector.' The document adds that derisions on the allocation of finance to ensure that a modern

transport system is provided "must be taken with an appreciation of the essential differences between wealth creating investments in areas like transport infrastructure which only central government can make, and spending money on services and consumption".

## Signs of slowdown in jobless figures



Mr Bruce Millan: Tragedy of Mr Eric Varley: Scapegoats of

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encouragement might be drawn from the flows on and off the

register has shown its first fall for many months, and the num-ber leaving has reached its highest level for about two years. But Whitehall is being

less slows down, it is widely expected that the overall total will continue to rise for much of this year and many economists now predict that the total number without work will reach three million.

labour force. One disappointing aspect of



policy failures.

the latest figures is the drop

in vacancies after two small monthly increases. These had given rise to hopes that the slump in vacancies might be coming to an end, but the level

is now so low that monthly changes do not provide any reliable guide to what is hap-

pening.

other recent months some

cautious in interpreting these more encouraging signs. Even if the rate of increase in job-

At the present rate of increase, this level would be reached next winter. It would be equivalent to about 13 per cent of the labour force. Even at the depth of the slump in the 1930s unemployment never reached three million of the

There are now fewer vacancies than at any time since figures were first kept. The Department of Employment estimates that there are probably only between 200,000 and 250,000 vacancies in the economy, or about one for every 10 people registered unemployed. The number of unemployed school leavers fell between mid-January and mid-February by 12,000 to 90,000, but the level still jobless remains more

than twice that of a year ago.

The biggest regional increases in unemployment in the latest month occurred in the West Midlands and Northern Ireland (where the percentage of the workforce out of work in now 16.1 per cent).

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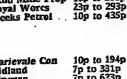
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the expertise of Lucas Indus-tries and the Chloride Group to advance the sale of electric vehicle components and systems has been launched, Spread over five years and half financed by the Government it will be spearheaded by a new joint venture company

called Lucas Chloride EV The new company will be based at Lucas' existing Birmingham premises under the direction of Mr Robert Dale, general manager of Lucas Batteries, who will become the new company's executive chair-

partners contribution will be fim a year for the next five years. By the end of this period the venture expects to be producing electrical comproducing electrical com-

ponents and systems for electric vehicles in substantial quantities. to the new company, it is the intention that all research and development will be paid inde-pendently from the £10m But its primary target is to sell expertise to existing motor manufacturers at home and budget.

Initially few extra jobs will be created, but the venture shows such promise that if successful the potential for production jobs will be excellent. abroad. The commercial vehicle mar-

ket would receive the immediate attention, but once the technology is available the ordinary car market will be The company will not become involed in the "milk float or fork lift truck" market.

Between them to date Lucas

and Chloride have provided the electrics for commercial electrics for commercial vehicles made by Vauxhall, Talbot, BL and Ford. Although the expertise of the parent companies of Lucas and

mance and cost. Bill Johnstone

Forming the joint company

will involve some rationaliza-tion of the research and

development programmes being followed independently by

Chloride and Lucas The venture will research,

develop and market electrical

systems that will be capable— according to the partners—of competing with their petrol and

diesel counterparts in perfor-



## Soviet credit for pipeline reassessed by Germans

A consortium of more than 25 West German banks met in Frankfurt to reassess terms of proposed 10,000 million Deutsche mark (about £2,050m) credit to finance a pipeline in the Soviet Union.

Some banks are growing increasingly nervous about the offer presented to a Soviet' delegation at the end of January, after the steep rise in West

German interest rates. They have expressed reserva tions about refinancing a 10 year loan at a rate believed to be 9} per cent now that long term domestic bond yields have risen to 10.3 per cent-

Deutsche Bank, which is heading the consortium, said it doubted that the meeting would lead to a conclusion about the

#### Polish economy talks

A Polish deputy premier and plauning commission chief have begun talks with West German officials as the Communist country's western creditors considered easing its debt burden. The talks debt burden. The talks centred on Poland's economic situation, including plans by the European Economic Com-munity to provide meat and other foodstuffs.

#### Hongkong exports

Despite strenuous efforts by bespite strenuous efforts by
the Trade Development Council
and other business organizations, exports of Hongkongmade products to Japan last
year fell 12 per cent from a
year earlier to HK\$2,330m
(£195m) after jumping 43 per ceut in 1979. Last year's drop in exports helped to push the trade balance in Japan's favour to HK\$21.000m.

#### Australian car tariffs

Australia's car and compon-Austrana's car and compon-ents industries could be elimi-nated, with the loss of tens of thousands of jobs, if the govern-ment accepts proposals for the abolition of tariff protection after 1934 the industry leaders claim. Borg-Warner said it could not survive such a move and Nissan of Japan said a decision would affect its plans to invest £890m in Australia.

#### Turkish visit to Bonn

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish. deputy prime minister, was unable to travel to Bonn yester-day, because of bad weather, for talks with Herr Hans Matthöfer, the West German finance minister, on a new Organization of Economic Co-operation and Davelopment credit package for Turkey.

#### Indian economy

Indian gross national product is expected to grow 6.5 per cent in the fiscal year ending March 31 after a decline of 4.5 per cent in 1980, according to the Asian Wall Street Journal. The survey said that 1982 ought to see a further improvement in agricultural and ment in agricultural and industrial output.

#### Belgian recession

The Belgian economics ministry has said that the recession appears to be bottoming out and has predicted that the country's low inflation rate will be maintained in 1981. But it gave a warning that unemployment would surge to 400,000 this year.

#### German money supply

The West German broadly defined money supply (M3) grew at a seasonally adjusted projected against 8.4 per cent in January, up from a 7.1 per cent projected growth rate in December and a 3.9 per cent rate in January, 1980.

#### Japan sued

A Hongkong investment group, Newpis Hongkong, has sued the Japanese Government for restricting the purchase of share's of Katakura Industries Japan's ton tilk spinner, offi-cials said. The suit has been filed in the Tokyo district court.

#### Canada concern

Canada has told Mr Saburo Okita, Japan's special trade representative, that it is concerned about the imbalance in the domestic car market created by Japanese imports, Mr Mark Macguigan, external affairs minister said.

#### EL compensation

Compensation terms have been agreed for the 2,000 workers made redundant at BL's plant at Seneffe, Belgium. It guarantees them between 90 and 95 per cent of their salaries for the first year, plus a lump sum of £1,250.

#### Taiwan's US mission

Taiwan will send its sixth procurement mission to the United States next month to boy \$1,200m (about £530m) worth of goods, including coal and energy exploration equip-

Denmark trade deficit Denmark's balance of trade deficit narrowed to 1.020m kroner (about £70m) in January from 1,370m kroner in Decem-ber and 2,230m kroner in January last year.

MPs and directors put on pressure for retrospective legislation

## Shipyards after more compensation

The Government is facing renewed pressure of increase substantially the level of compensation paid to the former owners of Britain's three principal warship building yards. And yesterday Vickers, Vosper and Yarrow intensified their campaign with the help of the Institute of Directors and an impressive array of Conservative backbenchers. The three companies, whose assets were

nationalized three and a half years ago as a result of the Labour Government's Aerospace and Shipbuilding Act, have so far received £25.3m but are demanding substantially more.

Over the past few months the pressure for the Government to introduce retrospective legislation to amend the compensation terms has built up, although attempts by Conservative backbenchers to force the Government's hand have so far failed. But Mr Geoffrey Riopon, Conservative MP for Hexham, gave a warning vesterday that "this issue is not going to be allowed to die away".

Mr Watter Goldsmith, director general of the Institute of Directors, said at a press conference in London: "Our concern is that a Conservative government is in

s that a Conservative government is in danger of surrendering large and important hostages to fortune which will return to haunt it if another socialist

The three shipbuilding companies are

in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Decisions on whether the cases go forward for hearing are expected. to be announced over the next few months. Mr Rippon and other government backbenchers reaffirmed their intention to keep up continued pressure on the Government. At the end of last month Mr Rippon introduced a private members' Bill which was " talked out " but he maintained yesterday that whatever objection there might be to retrospective legislation, there

was no constitutional obstacle. Since then, an early day motion has been put down and has so far attracted 125 signatories, reflecting the bulk of Tory backbenchers, supported by some Liberal MPs. The Conservative backbenchers together fith Liberal MPs are urging the Government to give a second reading to a Bill of Rights which has already been substantially debated in the Rouse of

Attacking the Government for failing to amend the "confiscatory formula" nature of the terms of the original compensation, he said that he could find no example among the Government or its supporters of a serious attempt to challenge the unfair nature of the compensation so far offered and paid to the

nationalized companies.

Mr Goldsmith said that the Government

in varous stages of presenting their cases had so far resisted pressure to introduce retrospective legislation to correct the basis of the compensation formula, and he added that such legislation was appropriate in the case of the three former owners of the yards.

> But the institute and Conservative backbenchers see a dangerous precedent for a future government hostile to free enterprise in the Government's reluctance to move forward with retrospective legisla-

Mr Goldsmith said that the Labour Party's draft manifesto promised further nationalization and the resteration to public ownership of any public sector interests which had been sold off by the present government. The consequences for the entire private sector of the British economy if the Government failed to amend the shipbuilding compensation formula, would be "awesome".

He added: "Unless is reverses failure to act in the navel shipbuilders' case, it will have set a clear precedent for confiscatory seizures of the assets of companies, and—which is worse—committed itself to fail to remedy the injustice if reelected. My Goldsmith said that he had written to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, inviting him to reopen this most disturbing case.

Computer

aid for

investors

A computer-based method of

putting those with inventions or ideas and those with the re-sources to exploit them in touch

with each other was announced in London yesterday. Ideas and Resource Exchange (IREX), has been formed to provide the service which is claimed to be the first of its kind in the

For a minimum annual fee of £45, individuals and organiza-tions can become "exchange

members "of the scheme, which

entitles them to file brief descriptions of ideas, available

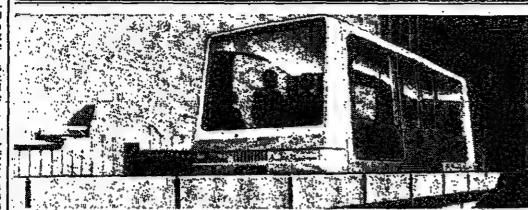
skills and/or spare capacity on

The other type of participant is that of "subscriber members", who for a minimum annual fee of £92 receive all the

ideas, skills and capacities on

the system.

By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor



An artist's impression of the shuttle system which will link Birmingham's new airport with

## Britain to build first commercial wheelless passenger system

Correspondent

Britain has stolen a march on Japanese, German and American rivals competing in the £106m market for advanced passenger transit systems at airports, harbours, city centres

and exhibition complexes. Agreements were signed Birmingham yesterday which will give this country the first fully automated, wheelless fully transit skuttle in commercial

The shurtle, costing £2.8m will link Birmingham's new £45m airport terminal with the National Exhibition Centre and Birminghem International railway station. It will carry 270,000 passengers a year. British Rail developed the shuttle's magnetic suspension system, known as Magley, with a government contract more

than six years ago. Using linear motor propulsion and riding on a magnetic field, it was originally seen as a replacement for conventional trains.

There were technical limitations with high speed applica-tions, however, which did not offer worthwhile advantages over conventional wheeled systems. But for short distances such as the 700 metres envisaged at Birmingham, there are obvious gains.

The system can be fully automatic, with driverless cars making the 90-second journey at timed intervals or operating in response to passenger call buttons.

Birmingham will have three cars each capable of carrying 30 seated or 48 standing pas-sengers. Cars will be in telephone communication with each other and a control centre. The

whole system will be monitored by closed circuit television, and will require only one or two operating staff.

BR claims that maintenance costs will be 75 per cent less than wheeled systems. Construc-tion will start in three months' time, with commissioning in 1983 to permit a one-year run-ning-in period before the new airport terminal is completed in 1984.

The project is being jointly undertaken by the West Midlands County Council and the People Mover Group (PMG), a consortium comprising Balfour Beatty Power Construction, GEC, Metro-Cammell and BR, which has been formed to exploit the Magley development.

The county council is putting up £980,000; PMG £557,000; Department of Transport £500,000; Department of Indus try £250,000 and British Rail £480,000.

## Commitment to coal industry reaffirmed

By Nicholas Hirst
Mr David Howell, Secretary
of State for Energy, yesterday
strongly reaffirmed the Goverument's commitment to build-

High levels

losses still

By Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent

There is still no sign of any

easing of redundancy levels.

About 45,000 more people are

expected to be out of work be-

cause of redundancy in January;

about the same number as in

December, continuing the ab-

normally high level recorded since the summer, according to the Department of Employment

The January total is nearly double that of the same month a year ago. The main industries affected during the month

are iron and steel, other metal goods, textiles, construction and

distribution. Together, these are estimated to have accounted for

Forward indicators also give no ground for any optimism

that a drop in redundancy levels

is in sight. The number of jobs

supported by the Government's temporary short-time working

compensation scheme, which

encourages employers to introduce short-time working rather

han cut jobs, increased from

The scheme only subsidizes

jobs for a limited period which was increased last November

from six to nine months. Once

the time limit runs out, many of

the jobs under the scheme

become vulnerable to redund-

Looking farther ahead, the

announcements of redundancies

and job losses giving early

warning of company intentions to reduce jobs also shows no

Among the biggest casualties

announced during the month was the decision by Talbot UK to close its Linwood car plant

which could involve the loss of

This will not happen until

June so the effects will not show up in official redundancy

totals until the middle of the

4,800 jobs.

595,000 at the end of December to .680,000 at the end of last

37 per cent of the total.

of job

Company and Product

Delyn, packaging

Triples (Pilkington Glass)

PX Nuclear Ergmeering EL Mini-Allegro kit packaging

Vulcan Locamolive Works

Eclipse tools (James Neull Group)

Seddon Atkinson I International

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British Sugar Corporation Times Newspapers

workers
Lucas Diesel Engines
British Aero components
Smith Meters
Busted Poultry

Jacobs Manufacturing

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ham Catering Notlingham County Council Takes (Tate & Lyle)

Fashion Industries

British Van Neusen (Carrington

Buxted Southy
Shelvoke and Oremy, specialist
vehicle maker
Bonser Engineering, fork-lift trucks
HP Bulmer, cidermaker
Ponys County Council
Kearney & Trecker Marwin
machine tools
Warrington Country Council
Lee Group
Monks Ha'l steel
Doncaster County Council (school

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Talbot Reton

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our desire to see a future coal industry which is strong, effi-cient and compentive ". The coal board had invested

London, Greater Manchester, Livered

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## tribution to Britain's energy as a whole" he told the British requirements in the 1990s and Institute of Management. "It is and always has been

beyond. Mr Howell said he was constrongly reaffirmed the Government's commitment to building up the coal industry.
He said that the 15,000 megawat nuclear programme announced 14 months ago, which was attacked last week by an all-party select committee of MPs, should make a useful con-

REDUNDANCIES AND REDUCTIONS INVOLVING 100 OR MORE

JOBS PUBLISHED DURING THE PAST MONTH

Approx No.

100 103

525

225 126

2.500 1.500 750

Source: The Times, The Sunday Times, The Financial Times, Jen 29-Feb 24.

Brighton

Mr Brech added that the company had been financed by about 40 individual investors.

Sic. Two interconnected arguments seem to be circulating in the City, both of which, strangely enough if press reports are to be believed, have received the support of the Prime Minister's personal economic adviser. The first is that the tightness or otherwise of monetary policy is best judged by the behaviour of the

monetary base, which has in-creased very little over the last 12 months rather than by sterling M3 which has increased a lot. The second is that the strength of sterling has little or nothing to do with North Sea oil, but is simply due to high real rates of interest in the United Kingdom, Both arguments must surely be

by monetary base is meant bankers' deposits at the Bank of England plus notes and coin in circulation, then changes in this variable have very little significance for overall monetary rightness or ease. Only the United Kingdom clearing banks have the obligation to keep deposits at the Bank of Eugland, there being no require-ment on other banks to do so. This is far from a trivial

sterling deposit liabilities rose case of the non-clearing banks the former mose by 22 per cent and the latter by almost 30 per cent. The non-clearing banks (ie, largely the overseas banks) financed more than half of the increase in their lending to United Kingdom public and private sectors with a greater than 50 per cent increase in their overseas held sterling deposits. Money may have been

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tight in the United Kingdom but little support for that contention can be drawn from the behaviour of the so called As for the first argument, if monetary base. · As far as the real interestexchange rate argument is con-cerned, it should be noted that sterling's exchange rate began to rise strongly at a time when real interest rates in the United Kingdom were, if anything, negative rather than positive— ie, in the early months of 1980. Real interest rates did rise during the year, particularly in the second half, but this was not because nominal interest point since London clearing rates rose but because the rate bank deposits are less than half of inflation fell; and this was the total deposit liabilities of surely helped by the earlier

Monetary policy and sterling the United Kingdom banking rise in the exchange rate. The sector. Moreover, whereas in existence of North Sea oil and the case of the clearing banks, the rise in oil prices in the course of 1979 can hardly be by about 12 per cent in the left out of this. Indeed, as far course of 1980 and their as monetary policy is con-advances to public and private cerned, the behaviour of oversectors plus holdings of gilts seas held sterling deposits by about 23 per cent, in the mentioned above would suggest that far from contributing to the strength of the exchange rate, it operated to hold it down.

It will be ironic (although some might think welcome) if misunderstanding of what has been happening in the United Kingdom money and exchange markets causes a reputedly hard line monetarist adviser to recommend substantial easing of monetary policy. No doubt a substantial easing of fiscal and monetary policy aimed at rapid reversal of the unemployment situation would lead to a significantly lower nominal ex-change rate. What is less cer-tain is that it will lead to a significantly lower real ex-change rate, at any rate for more than a very limited period

Yours faithfully, G. MAYNARD, Department of Economics, Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AA.

From Mr D. G. Layton Sir, I wish strongly to support the plea for unity by Mr John Wedgwood (chairman, Southern Electricity) which appeared ar the head of the Business News Letters columns on February 20. Mr Wedgwood pleaded, cogently, for an end to the division between those em-ployed in the public and private sectors, and for a sense of joint purpose and mutual understanding between both sectors in seeking those improvements in performance across the field which are essential to the nation's re-covery". How right he is.

At the head of these same columns on December, 11, you were kind enough to print a letter from me (under an almost identical heading) which pleaded for a different kind of unity. I argued that our economic difficulties were due, in equal measures, to the short-comings (past and present) of Governments (Conservative and

the computer 'system: Mr Edward Brech, chairman of IREX, said yesterday that.
on conservative estimates, it
was expected that up to 3,000
members would be registered
within the first year.

membership already existed in about 2,000 comacts, which Mr Christopher Coles and Mr Michael Bretherton, who are among the founder-directors of IREX, had assembled in their earlier work on the exchange

people with resources"

IREX would bring the two together—but would not try to determine the outcome of the meetings or of any subsequent

## Progress through unity

file in five selected categories. Subscriber members will re-ceive this information in the form of a monthly printout from Labour), trade unions management. I ended

The nucleus of an IREX

of ideas and of resources. Sir Alexander Smith, director of Manchester Polytechnic, former head of advanced re-search for Rolls-Royce and one of the directors of IREX, said yesterday that the new com-pany provided "a nursery, a clearing house, a marketplace, where the sellers and the buy-ers are people with ideas and

## saying that "the only hope is for Government, management nhited and determined effort to improve United Kingdom

industry's competitiveness in a period of almost unprecedented international (not national) slump". Everything I have seen since. then reinforces my own and Mr Wedgwood's views. It is particularly sad that the National

Economic Development Council, which was very sensibly set up to facilitate a civilized exchange of views between government, management and labour with the object of formulating an agreed and viable national plan for recovery and prosperity, has become, instead, a battleground for the expres-sion of entreuched and dogmatic views'.

Yours faithfully, D. G. LAYTON, 33 Cranbourns Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN20 7TS.

## Business

names From Mr Richard Thomas Sir, May I clarify two points in your report (February 20) on the National Consumer Council's call upon the Government to strengthen the provisions of the Companies Bill dealing with disclosure of business names?

We have pointed out that the Bill doe not impose any time limit on written disclosure of identity by the trader where a request has been made. We have proposed a 21-day limit. The Bill does not impose any time limitations on consumers. We have also suggested a statu-tory right to inspect the infor-mation which will have to be displayed in business premises.

As your report made clear, the various changes which we have proposed would in our view, only be second best to retention and improvement of the Registry of Business Names. RICHARD THOMAS, Legal Officer, National Consumer Council,

18 Queen Anne's Gate, London 5W1H 9AA.

## Acid test for CCA accounting

From Mr T. K. Gribbin Sir, Mr G. Wilson's letter on CCA accounting (February 16) was timely, particularly his restrained remarks about the United Kingdom lack of interest

in LIFO (last in first out).
The matter of replacement cost accounting is more pressing than he implies. I have current cost accounting for many years. Further I have tried to operate such a system within a large international company. My experience tells me that alas, SSAP 16 is

me that, aias, SSAP. to is doomed to wither away under the assault of rude practicality. The acid test in the next three years will be within the realm of management accounts. After all, only if it is found to be useful in running a business will any accounting system really be embraced by operational management.

There are two crucial management points which have to be faced a) can SSAP 16 be adapted for short-term, internal reportingie, for monthly profits—and
b) will the CCA results produced under SSAP 16 appro-

priately reflect commercial conduct? for, material stocks are important curiosity is directly attributable and where prices fluctuate SSAP 16 fails both tests. For short-term reporting the cost of sales adjustment can easily swap the underlying profit movement. The result is confusion and potential loss of control. For longer term movements, as at present formulated, the SSAP 16 COSA can readily remove the benefits of previous good buying and could quite easily fail to penalize bad buy-

ing. Consequently it is wide open to manipulation.

**DEPOSITS** 

£31,800m

All this makes it more urgent that attention is devoted to leasible aiternatives such as LIFO.

There is an amazing lack of interest among United Kingdom accountants. After all, it is widely used in the United States and seems to work well. This freeze on intellectual

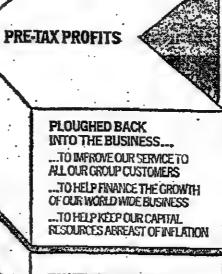
to the lack of response from the Inland Revenue. If it would indicate that it is willing to interested parties, on the practicability of using LIFO for taxing company profits this would transform the current debate. It would unblock the present intellectual log jam. Yours faithfully, T. K. GRIBBIN,

38 The Ridgeway, London, NW11.

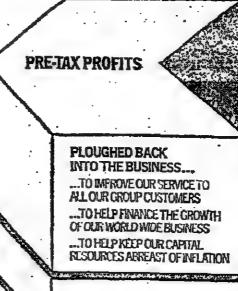


# National Westminster Bank

Group Profits for 1980 £410 million Total Assets exceed £34,500 million 91/4 million Customers 107,000 Shareholders 82,000 Staff worldwide







TAXATION PROVISION DIVIDEND TO ORDINARY SHAREROLDERS

PRE-TAX

#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## Nat West as an income stock

Sliding profits and sharply better dividends are driving bank shares into the income stock category. National Westminster Bank vesterday followed the precedent set by Lloyds Bank last week and raised its total dividend payments by 20 per cent.

Barclays is likely to follow suit but there is some doubt that Midland Bank will mainain the pattern because it is affected more han most by the quickly deteriorating tanking scene.

The small fall in Natwest's profits before ex from £441m to £410m conceals the diverent experience within the business. The gures, slightly less than the more pessimisc market estimates, include a large fall in ie domestic contribution in spite of a rising flume of deposits. Domestic banking last ar made only £258m as against £325m in

Sterling deposits rose by 18 per cent rerall but within that total current accounts erail but within that total current accounts ent up by only 2 per cent while 7-day posit accounts and wholesale deposits se respectively by 37 and 24 per cent. The net effect of that is that current counts only represent 39 per cent of total posits compared to 45 per cent a year o. In addition to higher funding costs the o main other components of costs have - en staff costs which are up by over 30 per nt and bad debts which in the United

ngdom are up from £19m to £86m. While business was bad on domestic banka strong performance on leasing has iped Lombard North Central, the wholly ned finance subsidiary to withstand some

the worse pressures on the business.

More important even is that the value equipment bought for leasing from 63m to £492m has certainly helped the tual tax paid stay low at only 22 per cent the total.

Things were distinctly brighter interna-, nally though not quite as good in the coud half as in the first when some raordinary profits occurred.

Even though the National Bank of North ierica-which made last year \$12m on a 10m investment-continues to be disapinting the international business tribution to the total has risen from 22 cent to 35 per cent and remains one of better hones for 1981.

The outlook for this year seems poor. Bad its could start falling especially in the ond half, but this is unlikely to offset impact of lower interest rates and a fall demand for loans. During the year, as es fall, Natwest will probably follow cedent and widen margins on lending, even this—with current accounts costing und 9 per cent to run—will not prevent a

but the shares at 360p now yield nearly per cent and despite an unrealistic y taxed p/e ratio a shade above 4 are active on income grounds, though there 10 noint in buying this side of what could a difficult Budget for the clearers,

### mmercial Union

#### -ill on the iwn cycle

aposite insurance shares have been lecting growing concern that the underting cycle this time round is going to be ger and deeper than in previous down-ns, with the sector falling in recent weeks se to an historic low relative to the

esterday Commercial Union got the orting season off to a nervous start with rtb quarter pretax profits more than twohs lower at £21.5m, a marked deteriorat on the poor results of the previous iod, implying that the cycle's trough is

I some way off.

Vith its 40 per cent exposure to the hly competitive United States market, s experience could be rather worse than other composites with an underwriting i perhaps £35-40m higher in 1981 than year's £57.3m.

iven with sterling's strength lopping £7m the total, full year pretax profits down m £137.5m to £103.2m were worse than nine-months indication. The £2m drop £151.4m in investment income looks ecially disappointing but CU's explanan is that it sought to maximize net ome last year by taking advantage, for tance, of deep discount bonds in the ited States.

That, along with the modest rise in leasing

activities, accounts for the 7 point drop in the tax charge to leave net profits 17 per cent down at £76.5m.

What helped the shares gain 3p to 157p was the full 10 per cent rise in the final dividend after the jitters at the nine-months stage where the 9.8 per cent yield—and more important the prospect of steady dividend growth—is likely to outweigh worries about the profits outlook over the next couple of years.

Underwriting losses have ballooned in all areas except Holland with the total up from E21.3m to £57.3m. The drive for United States business is still the biggest drag with losses there jumping from £8.3m to £31.8m but GU is still adamant that the rise in claims and expenses which has resulted in a 2 point rise in the statutory operating ratio to 104.7 per cent is only a little worse than the United States industry average and is the price it has to pay to gain market. is the price it has to pay to gain market

With this year's operating ratio likely to rise to 110 per cent, United States losses are likely to increase for at least the next year. Elsewhere rate increases should help Canada this year while the recession at home could give the United Kingdom another hard

Last year's 17 per cent growth in premium income seems a hard target to beat this year and there is little chance of improving investment income offsetting further under-writing losses in 1981 and CU's profits look like going the wrong side of £100m.

#### Textiles

#### Vantona rides the storm

The huge losses which the Dutch group Akzo has been running up in its man-made fibres operations, where the problems caused by European overcapacity have been accentuated by United States imports, are evidence enough that some parts of the textiles industry are still under severe pressure. Indeed, today's results from Carrington-Viyella will add another gloomy

But there has been some bright spots. Nortingham Manufacturing yesterday, for example, and now Vantona, the household textiles and garment maker.

Vantona ended the year to November 30 with profits halved at £4.3m on volume down by about 15 per cent, which may not seem much cause for celebration. However the outturn was about £1m better than expected, and Vantona has benefitted in the second half from cutting overheads. The relative stability of the group's uni-forms business which suffered less than

other parts of the group has also helped Vantona but the most encouraging aspect of the results is that Vantona, like Nottingham Manufacturing, finished its year which tends to bear out the theory that the de-stocking phase of the textiles cycle is

almost through.

Vantona, meanwhile, yielding 10.6 per

cent with the shares up 8p to 106p, seems irly optimistic about the second half of 1980-81 and with the benefit of cost-cutting should show at least a partial profits . recovery this year.

 Investors quickly took up what must have been a fairly sizable rump of the 1986 " tap " stock yesterday morning. But though long gilt prices made better progress there is little sign quite yet of real enthusiasm at the longer end of the market.

Meanwhile, the Bank further encouraged expectations of an early interest rate reduction by announcing a temporary cut in the banks' minimum reserve asset ratio, from 10 to 8 per cent, to run from March 2 to March 10. This releases additional liquidity of some £1,300m to cope with Petroleum Revenue Tax, but the authorities stressed that this has no implication for the general level of interest rates, nor for the proposed phasing out of the present reserve asset

Over and above liquidity needed for PRT payments—a fair chunk of which may in any case be paid for out of Certificates of Tax Deposit—the reduction in reserve assets may leave a little surplus liquidity around to cope with any fresh demand for gilts.

Certainly, there must be a strong case for the authorities tying up as much advance funding as possible before the Chancellor rises to make his Budget speech on March

## State industries—how generous are other governments?

trast the Government thinched from following through the implications of its monetarist economic logic is now part of political history. Having so speedily recognized the clear dangers for the rest of the economy, even at the cost of armearing to hand its economic economy, even at the cost of appearing to bend its economic philosophy, it now must equally rapidly find a way of reducing the total ner cost of its capitulation and of its repercussions in other sectors of industry.

The direct cost of the coal industry affair alone will be substantial. But this is not the first time that the Government

substantial. But this is not the first time that the Government has given way on the sensitive issue of external financing limits (EFLs), which it so rigorously set for the nationalized industries when it was returned to office.

Central to the economic strategy at that time was a massive turnround in the finances of the state industries. The Government envisaged that instead of being beneficiaries of loans and grants from the Exchequer totalling £2.300m in 1979-80 the public sector industries would by 1983-84 be making a net contribution to the Treasury of £400m (at 1979 survey prices).

survey prices).

That objective has now faded from view. The recession, which has been far more severe than ever expected, has knocked the fireness of almost all the the finances of almost all the state industries badly off course. Having been forced to recognize the impact of the recession the Government has earmarked an extra £800m for the nationalized industries (excluding steel, which yester-

Later today miners' leaders will join Sir Derek Exra, chairman of the National Coal Board, in crucial talks with Mr David Howell, the Energy Secretary, about the details of the financial year. Even these extra sums still place the nationalized industries in some difficulty. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has made it clear that they will have to secure savings of more than pit closure programme.

That the Government flinched from following through the im-

Mrs Thatcher's willingness at least to go some way towards defusing the NCB's problems has not surprisingly been seized upon as the nearest thing yet to a U-turn. But the trend had already started and over the past few months there has been a series of other has been a series of other perhaps less dramatic but. nevertheless significant, man-

Even before the first year of her administration had ended the electricity supply industry was given an extra £300m when falling demand and rising fuel costs squeezed its cash flow. Since then there has been a given of supplicants from the queue of supplicants from the state sector. British Airways, faced with rising energy costs and falling business traffic

BELGIUM

FRANCE

W. GERMANY

Production subsidies\* to

11/2

\*Excluding social grants and Government

contributions to pension funds.

Source: National Coal Board.

Figures relate to 1979.

**European coal industry** 

successfully sought and received an extra £85m on its external financing limit for the present financial year (1980/81).

Financial year (1980/81).

British Rail, which last year was set an EFL of £750m was also in the queue and, however reluctantly, the Government obliged Sir Peter Parker the BR chairman, by agreeing to increase the railway's limit by £40m.

Lossmaking British Ship-builders, faced with the con-tinuing dearth of orders worldwide and the need to cut back its capacitw and labour force, similarly found that the external financing limit of £120m set for it was unrealistic in the circumstances in which it had to compete for business. In this case Sir Keith Ioseph. In this case Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, provided a top-up of £65m.

The British Steel Corporation has provided the biggest test— and become the largest single beneficiary of the Govern-ment's relaxation of external financing limits. It began the 1980/81 financial year with a limit of £450m, supplemented

by £121m, which the Government agreed could be rolled over from the previous year to cover bills which had gone unpaid because of the thirteenweek-long steel strike at the beginning of last year.

As the crisis subsequently deepened and imports flooded in, Sir Charles Villiers, the former chairman, was forced to put our his begging bowl. At first Sir Keith demurred, insisting that vigorous internal ing that vigorous internal economies should be under-taken by the new chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, That done, BSC still needed extra cash.

Sir Keith then obliged. The corporation got another £400m at the end of last year and, reflecting the pressure on the corporation's cash, the EFL was yesterday extended still further.

All the extra payments made to the nationalized industries in the present financial year bave been financed from the Contingency Reserve.

In providing the extra cash for the BSC (to the chagrin of the private sector) the Government has tacitly accepted the inevitability of adding to the proliferation of subsidies which characterize the entire European characterize the entire European steel industry — and indeed, other strategically important industries, including coal.

The fact is that subsidies of one form or another are a significant ingredient of European industry. It is with some justice.

industry. It is with some justi-fication that both the National Union of Mineworkers and the NCB can claim further assis-

.In the United Kingdom the BSC received total state sid between 1974 and 1979 amounting to £3,176m, made up of a mixture of public dividend capital. National Loans Fund money grants under the Iron and Steel Act and foreign loans. In France the restructur-ing package set in train for the

steel industry will involve pos-sibly even more, with some esti-mates of at least £3,483m.

mates of at least £3,483m.
Other European governments have been equally indulgent. In Belgium the total call on state funds is likely to rise to about £1,700m, with a slightly lower sum involved in the re-organization of the state-owned Italian steel industry.

Even in West Germany North Rhine Westphalia will be involved in providing upwards of £1,600m over the next five years towards measures related to steel industry reorganization. In the case of railways, studies carried out for British Rail have shown that the

studies carried out for British Rail have shown that the United Kingdom network receives less support from public funds than its European neighbours. Detailed investigations three years ago (which still hold broadly true) revealed that Britain received subsidies and loans amounting to 29 per cent of total railway costs, including investment. But West Germany received 39 per cent of costs, The Netherlands and France 45 per cent, Belgium 50 per cent and Italy 68 per cent. Sir Derek Ezra will undoubtedly take into his talks with tedly take into his talks with Mr Howell the comparisons which the NCB has made of direct subsidies which other EEC Governments make to their coal industries, Excluding social costs, total direct aid to the West German industry in 1979 amounted to £1,386m. In France it was £334m, in Belgium £208m and in the United Kingdom £189m in the financial

year 1979-80. So, in comparison with what is received by their counter-parts in Europe, the extra sums which the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers will be requesting today, appear puny.

Peter Hill and Frances Williams

## The search for sound money

'It looks as if the Government will persist with sterling M3

Despite having been blown off course so badly in year one of the medium-term financial strategy, the Chancelior is strategy, the Chancelor is clearly going to use his Budget speech, first to reaffirm the Government's commitment to the principles of sound money and then to set out redefined monetary objectives for the years ahead.

But it would be surprising were the government's approach to the monetary issue not to

to me monetary issue not to contain what, on the surface at least, might appear to be contradictory strands.

On the one hand, the need for considerably greater flexibility is going to be stressed. The Government will want to onen up its environe in some of interpreting and responding to monetary develop-

On the other hand, there is likely to be a commitment to greater rigidity. The Govern-ment will be keen to get across the message that it intends to shorpen up the techniques of monetary control to ensure that the money supply does not in future run away as it has on some occasions in the past. In terms of "readjusting" its

approach to monetary control, the Government has explored three principal areas. Here consideration of the balance between fiscal and monetary policy is excluded, though it remains true that if the two policies are incompatible something it board to go parties thing is bound to go nastily

Strictly in terms of monetary control, the areas that have been under the microscope have been the appropriate monetary indicators, the methods of controlling the banking system, and the general approach to funding the public sector

borrowing requirement.

As far as the appropriate monetary indicators eo, both for target purposes and simply as general indicators of moneconditions, the major pay settlements.

for targeting purposes for the moment. Greater emphasis will be laid on the need to look at other indicators and there will at

some stage be a new official monetary series on M2'

issue has been the continuing suitability of sterling M3 as the government's leading aggregate for monetary targetry. Sterling M3 is the broad measure of banking money, taking in notes and coin in circulation tegether with residents' sterling bank

Specific criticisms of sterling

M3 are generally threefold. It is argued that it is heavily inflated by the impact of the high nominal interest charges added to customers' accounts by the banks; that it is swollen by the tendency of savers to increase the proportion of their savings held as liquid deposits when interest rates are high; and that it is further swollen by the fact that public sector domination of the long-term savings markets means that the banks have little choice but to expand their balance sheets to accommodate heavy corporate sector borrowings.

That does not automatically make sterling M3 a redundant indicator, however. What it does do is call for careful interpretation of sterling M3 and emphasize the need to read the

other monetary gauges too.
More seriously, perhaps, it suggests that there are potential problems in using sterling M3 as a strict guide to the desirable level of nominal gross domestic product growth in any one year, and perhaps as a guide to a sensible level for

On the other hand, other been that it has been presented monetary measures are almost as a very simple and mechani-equally susceptible, in one stic doctrine, when most monedirection or another, to the changing level of interest rates, and it would be wrong to write off sterling M3 as being But once you start telling

notably less useful than any other indicator. For a start, it reflects the fact that in a period of high interest rates the potential nominal spending power of savers is being rapidly increased. Moreover, one should not lose sight of the fact that high interest rates are an essential factor in the mechanism of the disimilationary squeeze.

For the moment it looks as if the Government will probably persist with sterling M3. for targeting purposes. But greater emphasis will, of course, be laid on the need to look at other indicators, whether narrower or broader, and there will at some stage be a new official monetary series on M2 retail money basically the money holdings of potential consumers.

Just how quickly this new series will start is not yet clear. There is still some definitional and technical work to be done, particularly in the area of deciding what to do about corporate sector money and how to identify, from the statistics available, what can be classi-fied as personal as opposed to small business cash holdings.

As the Government looks for greater flexibility in its use of the various monetary measures, however, ir at once creates a potential problem of credibility.
One of the great problems of the mometarist approach has

once you start telume people that it is no such thing, and once words like flexibility start to creep in, financial markets, whose cynicism has often proved right in the past, start to get nervous.

The quid pro quo, then, for flexibility at one end of the spectrum has to be that the Government is going to make a better job in future of actually keeping the monerary aggregates on a suitably tight rein.

Already the banking " corset" has been buried. Next to go will probably be the present, technically deficient, reserve asset system. That will leave us with a cash system of sorts with the emphasis increasingly laid on controlling the monetary baseusually defined as notes and coin in circulation together with the banks' till cash and cash balances with the central bank: in other words, the liabilities' side of the central bank's own balance sheet.

The crucial element here is the banking sector's cash depo-sits at the Bank of England. Either by requiring banks to keep a specified proportion of their liabilities in such a form, or by assuming that banks will maintain a reasonably stable proportion of their liabilities in such a form out of prudential and operational considerations, the Bank will start to concentrate on open market appearations. trate on open market operations designed to control the size of this cash base. In this way it will hope to regulate the banks'

of the money supply.

liabilities that make up the bulk

The big questions on which the authorities will have to pronounce in moving in this direction concern the nature of the cash ratio, the interest to the cash rand, he had test to be paid on banking deposits at the central bank and the size and definition of the pool of assets that the banking system will be allowed to turn into cash to deal with the large daily ebb and flow of money between the private sector and the Govern-

Some of these elements may become clearer at budget time, but the authorities have already made it clear that they intend to move through a process of evolutionary rather than over night change and that their eventual destination has not yet been determined.

However fast or slowly the authorities proceed in the direction of a monetary base system, two areas where they are already moving are on in-terest rate flexibility and im-proving the methods of funding the public sector borrowing requirement.

The former involves two main elements, namely more flexibility in open market operations and the depoliticizing of short-term interest rates. How soon minimum lending rate can be phased out remains to be seen, but it seems a reasonable bet that it will dis-appear before the present cyclical downturn in interest rates is over.

As far as funding goes, the Government has already moved

to tap far more aggressively the fast growing personal sector surpluses. It may well decide that it will also be worth trying a short-dated hond-effectively long-dated Treasury bill-to tap the more liquid parts of the corporate sector and the building societies.

The more interesting ques-

tion, however, is how quickly it will react in its market opera-tions if the financial climate starts to move against it at some stage over the coming

John Whitmore

## Business Diary: Bishop of British Midland

so pervasive an industr Eritish airlines bave, with exception of Sir Freddie ker, come up with next to well-known names. There is Adam Thomson, of use, but you would have to I that he is head of BCal to

ce him. low, however, Michael hop is coming up on the side to make his mark with travelling public. The travelling public. The irman and managing directof British Midland Airways, is trying to make a name internal travel by underting British Airways and

al on the shuttle between adon Heathrow, Glasgow and

ithrow. lishop, who is only 38, is y much his own master at y much his own master at Derby-based independent line, having bought out ister Assets interests three is ago. He joined British lland in 1965 as station nager at Manchester and read his way up through the anization under the Minster ime to become managing ector and deputy chairman.





Hollowood

"After announcing the closure of 50 pils, then 25, then none at all, would not the next logical step in placating the miners be the naming of 25 or more absolutely new

His biggest coup of that period was to fly to South Africa to buy, for peanuts, a fleet of Viscount airliners fleet of Viscount airliners which the airline operates to this day alongside more modern DC9s, although he will have to take a big, and expensive, decision on reequipment in the

near future. Unlike Sir Freddie, Bishop is retiring character but, like the champion of private enterprise aviation, he has strong views on the place of the independents.
Announcing his application

to the Civil Aviation Authority
yesterday. Bishop said:
First, we believe that the time has come for an independent airline such as ours to be given access to the high volume trunk routes in this country He is offering lower fares as well as bars and inflight cater-

❸ Edgar Wille and Valerie Hammond have come to what is to me a surprising conclusionthat computers are good for

development at the National Coal Board and Hammond a member of the Women and

book, The Computer in Personnel Work (£5.55), for the Institution of Personnel Management and say that even in security matters the computer is all right with them.

Wille is head of management

Ashridge Management College. They have collaborated on a

the keying in of the correct password, can also act as a safeguard against unauthorized passing of information", they

say, adding: "It is perhaps easier to gain access to paper personnel files than to computerized personnel records." But Wille and Hammond do not say anything about the authorized passing on of in-formation by the employer.

Ron Hickman, the British inventor of the Black and Decker Workmate workbench, has just speut more than \$1m win a court battle against the world's biggest retailer, Sears Roebuck, which was found to have infringed Hick-

Hickman is now back home in Jersey after the three-week court case in Baltimore. His Jersey-based company, Tekron International, and the United States manufacturers, Black and Decker, accused Sears Roe-buck of breaking Workmate patents by producing a similar workbeach called the Work-

buddy.

Hickman says he won " hands down". He is now waiting for the judge to decide on damages and says that the patents on the Workmate have been proved for the first time in the United Management project team at States and this would thus prevent other manufacturers from moving in. Sears, Hickman says, turned down an offer to license Work-

market. Tekron International, which all right with them.

Hickman set up when he moved from the United Kingdom four years ago, has premises on a lersey trading estate. It Jersey trading estate. It employs 17 people and is work-ing on 20 different inventions.

mate nine years ago because it

would not sell on the American



The fireplace logo above is that of what the French claim to be the world's largest hotel association, the Federation Nationale des Logis et Auberges de France. The presi-dent, Julien Nicolle, was in London yesterday to launch the

condon yesterang to launch the annual guide.

The fire symbolizes hospitality, but Nicolle told me that he and the federation have booted no less than 248 members into the flames over the last five years for failing to keep up standards, 58 last year alone.

Were they allowed to return after their roasting? "Theoretically, yes," he said darkly. Nicolle, who is mayor of Mont St Michel and owner of the Hotel de Guesclin there, says the federation now has 4,300 hotels in membership offering 70,000 rooms. The federation grew up after the war as a means of getting

The good news about the guide is that it is free, save 50p in postage stumps from the French National Tourist Office here. The bad news is it is in

family-run hotels back onto their

Ross Davies



The Group has experienced buoyant trading for the six months and this is illustrated by an enhanced dividend.

**FURNITURE HIRE** We have, since November, been in

the process of refurbishing the additional Warehouse the Furniture Group is opening in Manchester and equiping the interior with racking and modern furniture handling equipment. I did also point out that the furniture divisions would carry the burden of the extra overheads while equiping this property and transferring our vast stock from the present premises to the new location, which may possibily take another full year.

It should be recalled that Camden Furniture Hire (CFH), which was only recently relocated on the Western Avenue, has been, and is, highly successful. It is therefore our intention to install a CFH division alongside our existing company, Gimberts, when the property in the north is ready.

24th February, 1981

Six months ended 1980 1979 31st Dec: 5.1m 5.2m Turnover 165,811 105,424 Profit before taxation 102,811 66,924 Profit after taxation . . Interim Dividend per 1.5p share (net) SHIPPING AND FREIGHT

The Group's expertise in shipping and forwarding covers the whole spectrum of international freight handling. Some of these services have been in greater demand than others, ie imports down, but exports are up; warehousing was down, but distribution was up. The overall position with the shipping and freight companies is an increase in their profits for the half year, on a similar revenue.

During the half year, the Group has increased its permanent cash position by some 25%, and cash balances currently stand at something in excess

JOHN DELANEY Chairman

## Hawthorn agrees new bid from Starwest

ings yesterday made an agreed increased bid for R. & W. Hawthorn Leslie, valuing the engineering group at £3.93m.

The offer was raised to 147p cash a share and 55n for each preference share, against the original terms of 130p and 45p. The Hawthorn board firmly rejected Starwest's approach in December. The board, holding per cent of the equity, quickly increased its stake to 9 per cent and asked share-holders to take no further action.

The first offer terms, described as "inadequate" by Hawthorn, valued the former shipbuilding group at £3.75m. On February 11 Starwest revealed that acceptances for only 3.14 per cent had been received, bringing its stake to 45.06 per cent, and extended the offer date until February 23. Hawthorn then called on the privately controlled investment group to increase or with-draw its offer.

Starwest Investment Hold- Admiral Sir Horace Law, have recommended unanimously acceptance to shareholders and will be taking up the shares under its control. The other large shareholders, M and G. the investment group with 24.6 per cent, and Prudential, with 7.7 per cent, backed the hoard in its rejection and

> Hawthorn's shares fell 3p to 145p on the news yesterday.
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> A new offer will now be made with consent of the City panel since the existing offer has lapsed. Conditions include acceptances of more than 50 per cent being received by Starwest,

increased offer.

Mr Remo Dipre, Starwest's chairman, has agreed that Mr Gordon Conradi and Mr Gordon Marks, directors of British Central Electrical, Hawthorn's main subsidiary, should be in-vited to join the Starwest board when the offer becomes

## Commercial Union

#### **Assurance Company Limited**

The Board announces unaudited profits for 1980 of £76.5m

(1979 f91.8m) after providing for taxa	ion. 1980 Usandited	- 1979 Publishe Lm
PREMIUM INCOME	1,171.5	1,148.5
Investment income Loan interest	151.4 (8.6)	. 153.6 (12.6
Life profits	142.8 15.2	141.0 16.6
Underwriting result (analysis below)	(57.3)	. (21.3
Associated companies' earnings	2.5	1.3
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION AND MINORITIES Taxation and minorities	103.2 (26.7)	137.6 (45.8
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	. 76.5	91.8
EARNINGS PER SHARE	18.61p	22.34p
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	£769m	£717m
UNDERWRITING RESULT United States United Kingdom Netherlands Canada Australia Remainder	(31.8) (2.3) (3.0) (11.9) (2.5) (5.8)	£m (8.3 3.5 (10.7) .4 (2.3) (3.9)
<u></u>	(57.3)	(21.3
Wheldwide premium income incres	sed by 2% Aft	er allowing

for the effect of changes in rates of exchange, the sale of majority of our shares in former subsidiary companies in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Republic of Ireland, which have become associated companies, and other factors, the underlying growth in premium income was 17%.

In the United States, premiums increased by over 15%. This growth was considerably higher than the average growth for the industry and, although our statutory claims ratio to earned premiums increased to 70.7% (1979 69.4%), this modest increase was most satisfactory in the adverse conditions prevailing in the marker. The expense ratio to written premiums was 34.0% (1979 33.1%) and the statutory operating ratio was 104.7% (1979 102.5%). The expense ratios reflect the continuing implementa-102.5%.1. The expense ratios reflect the continuing implementation costs associated with our long term strategy designed to achieve a larger share of the market as well as greater profitability. In 1980, approximately half of the costs incurred during the year in developing new computer systems were capitalised for US statutory purposes, whereas profit attributable to shareholders has borne all such costs as in previous years. These costs represent one percentage point of the statutory expense ratio. Motor and liability results were more than last year and ratio. Motor and liability results were worse than last year and the property account was adversely affected by increased weather losses. Workers' compensation results, however, improved significantly and produced a small profit.

European Options Exchange:
During period from February 13
to 19 the exchange reported third
highest period volume since opening of market. A total of 21,931
options thauged hands, of which
18,179 were calls, and 3,722 puts.
Average daily turnover came to
4,386 contracts. Volume in the
previous period totalled 15,528
options. Underwriting experience in the United Kingdom deteriorated with liability business being particularly poor and the motor account producing a small underwriting loss. Premium growth was over 25 %.

In the Netherlands, there was a marked improvement in the underwriting result compared with 1979, mainly because motor business achieved a satisfactory profit.

Trading conditions in Canada were extremely poor throughout the year and included intense competition combined with wholly inadequate premium rates. The result was a substantial underwriting loss for 1980. However, there are now signs of a more responsible attitude amongst insurers and some premium rate increases have been implemented in 1981.

The underwriting loss for Remainder reflected poor experience in a number of territories in Western Europe although underwriting profits in the Far East increased. Marine and aviation business transacted on the London market for the 1978 underwriting year was closed at the end of 1980 with no release of profit, but the annual review of the marine fund in respect of earlier years resulted in a release of £3.2m to the profit and loss

As reported previously, following the integration of our business interests in Australia and New Zealand with those of the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia from 1st August 1980, income from these sources has been accounted for as associated companies' earnings.

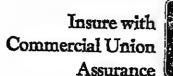
Investment income, net of loan interest, increased marginally but after allowing for the effect of changes in rates of exchange, the sale of our shares in former subsidiary companies mentioned above and other factors, there was an underlying increase of 15%. Life profits were reduced in sterling terms by the effect of changes in rates of exchange, but the underlying rate of increase

Dividend The Directors recommend for payment on 15th May 1981 a final dividend on the ordinary shares of the Company of 6.400p (1979 5.800p). This, together with the interim dividend of 4.406j (1979 4.000p) per share paid in November last, gives a total dividend for the year of 10.800p (1979 9.800p) per share, which represents an increase of 10.2% on the dividend paid in respect of the year ended 31st December 1979. These dividends, including preference dividends for 1980, require £44.4m (1979 £40.3m). The balance of profit for 1980 amounting to £32.1m has been added to reserves. UK resident and certain foreign shareholders will be entitled to an imputation tax credit of 4.629p (1979 4.200p) per share at current rates of tax, making a gross dividend for the

year of 15.429p (1979 14 000p) per share. The Report and Accounts for 1980 will be posted to share-holders on 19th March 1981 and the Annual General Meeting will be held on 13th April 1981.

The results of the Company's operations have, as usual, been converted at rates of exchange prevailing at the close of the periods reported. These were as follows:

		1980	·	1979
United States Netherlands Canada Australia	* 5 Fls \$ \$	2.39 5.10 2.85 2.03	Fls S S	2.20 4.22 2.58 2.00



Stock markets

## New tap exhausted as gilts surge continues

Continuing hopes of a 3 per cent cut in the minimum lendin grate in the Budget, led to a further surge in demand for Government securities yester-

The strength of business in gilts was highlighted by the surprising exhaustion of the new tap Treasury 12 per cent 1986 at £202, with rumours of between £3,000m and £4,000m being issued. In the event, dealers were talking of another replacement tap being an-nounced on Friday.

nounced on Friday.

In longs, gains of up to £;
were registered amid active
turnover, while at the shorter
end, earlier improvements of
around £; soon gave way to
profit taking and prices closed generally unchanged on the day.

Equities were also able to recover on the back of the strength in the gilt market, and the immediate fears about a cut in the dividend at ICI later in the week, and the current strike by water and sewage workers, took a back sear, Jobbers reported active two-way business, although conditions, remained thin. The FT Index, after a hesitant start, closed at the top with a rise of 7.9 to 494.5.

Investors were able to take some disappointing full-year figures from National West-minster Bank and Commercial. minster Bank and Co Union in their stride. Sentiment was even given a

boost by the announcement of the Royal engagement which led to speculative buying of those companies likely to benefit from the celebrations.

Newcomer British Aerospace initially made further headway, advancing to 179p, but profit precau and earnings are net. "Net.

Briefly

**"我们是我们的人,我们就是我们的人,我们** 

Lyle Shipping Co. : The resolution

approving the acquisition of Leadenhall Commodities has been

Yearing bonds: Coupon on this week's local authority bonds is down from 123 per cent to 123 per

British Aerospace: Applications for registration processed in respect of foreign held shares as at last night's close of business totalled 550 shares.

Culter Guard Eridge: Midland Bank (Overseas) nominees no longer have a holding of over 5 per cent in the issued shares of the company.

Central Manufacturing and Trading: Caparo Group has acquired a further \$25,487 ordinary shares at 55p. and now hold 12.96m shares 149 per cent).

First National Finance Corpu: Sir Michael Wilson has refired from the board having reached

retirement age.

Eva Industries: shareholders have

been advised to take no action yer on the 13.7m bid from Anglo Indonesian Corporation. Mr Roy Astley, chairman, said boardwould meet today to decide on the offer which is a technicality under Rule 34.

M. F. North: Abingworth bas

M. F. North: Abingworth has sold its total interest in M. F. North, some 2.9m shares. The Morgan Grenfell Special Exempt Exempt Fund acquired an interest of 1.8m shares (7.2 per cent). Caniors: Mr J. Davis, managing director, has acquired 78,044 "A" ordinary shares.

options.

Throgmarian. Secured Growth
Trust: Dividend for half year to
January 1 was held at 0.87p
gross. Board expects total dividend for year to be not less than
last year. Pretax revenue £180.000
(£211.500). Eps 1.19p (1.27p). Nav
per unit of tapital loan stock
155.3p (127-4p).
Trust of Property Sheeps Con-

Trust of Property Shares: Gross income for period March 11 1930 to December 31. 236,000. Pretax profit, £23.000. Eps 0.224p. Dividend 0.25p gross. Nav 11:34p. For comparison purposes, bretax profit for period to September 30, 1980 was £17,000.

Costein Australia reports a profit for 1930 after tax but be-

ore extraordinary items, at A3.7m (£2.8m), an increase of

66.4 per cent over the previous year. Turnover amounted to \$A127.6m. an increase of 20.1

The buard pronoses a rights

issue of one-for-four at \$A4.20.

The new shares will only rank

for half the interim dividend

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Costain Australia

per cent.

approved. Completion is due take place on February 26.

mined buying" on the back of at 188p. it. However, Beechams plummeted to 1510 on fears of a delay over its new drug

Dealers are anxiously avoiting details of a major property deal from Phoenix Mining and Finance, the Midlands-based property group. Interest during the last week has seen the shares rise from 54p to a new high of 59p with more than. 500,000-shares changing hands. Yesterday the price eased 1p

to 56p on profit taking.

Augmentin. The shares later re-covered to 157p—a net loss on the day of 8p, after a state-ment from the group and subsequent cheap buying. ICI was also in. a better mood and raillied 4p to 288p ahead of tomorrow's figures, while Unilever, reporting next week,

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Inv. in Success (F) — (—)
Medminster (I) 5.21(5.09)
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Rights and Issues (F) — (—)
Vantona (F) — (—)
Vantona (F) — (—)

Francis bid

for Evered

By Rosemary Unsworth

The £1.3m bid for Evered,

the lossmaking engineering group, by Francis Industries has lapsed becaused of the low level of acceptances.

The evident resistance to the

22p offered for each ordinary share expressed by certain shareholders despite the recommendation to accept by

Evered's board was also cited.

Francis, a packaging and

utomotive components manu-acturer, revealed that it had

received acceptances for only

9.9 per cent of the ordinary shares and for 83.6 per cent of

the preference shares. It had offered 40p each for the latter. Although the Evered board

finally recommended accept-ance last month, Saudi Arabian shareholders with 29.9 per cent, rejected the bid. Astra Indus-trial also held just over 13 per

Mr Paul Tapscott, Francis's deputy chairman, had said that he would personally have been

unhappy with a large outstand-

ing minority in Evered if the bid, which was launched in

Evered's board was diffident about the offer because it be-

lieved that it did not fully

reflect the asset value or the company's long-term prospects.
But the directors realized that

the bid might be attractive to

with other parties had proved

ordinary shareholders as talks

inconclusive and because a return to profitability depended on an unturn in industrial

demand. They also urged an im-provement in the 40p offer for

Medminster lifts

interim dividend

Medminster, the shipping and

Aledminster, the supping and furniture hire group, boosted profits by 57 per cent at the haliway stage and has lifted the dividend by more than a third to 2.14p gross.

The group, which hires out props to the film, television and theatre industries, pushed pretay profits from \$105,000 to

pretan profits from £105,000 to £166,000 while ternover re-

malaed steady at \$5.2m in the

the shipping and freight side remained at \$4.7m and furniture

hire and sale contributed £455,000 against £307,000 last

time.
Shipping profits increased while the furniture division bount of refurbish-

ment costs for a new warehouse and equipment. The work may

take another year. Air John

Delaney, the chairman, said.

The bulk of the sales from

as profits jump

By Our Financial Staff

the preference shares.

December, succeeded.

lapses

taking saw the price close un-imped 10p to 483p. Improve-selling Elsewhere, the weaker thanged a t175p: ments were also seen in Fisons, pound added 2p to General Leading industrials were in 138p, Hawker Siddeley, good form and jobbers were on 274p, GKN, 2p to 148p able to report some "determined busings" and the heal of

> Full-year figures National Westminster 8p to 388p, Midland 7p to 331p and Llyods, which has already reported slipped 5p to 323p. Speculative attention again lifte Grindlays 10p to 173p.

Latest results

its majority interest in a South
African company to a local
group, yesterday asked for its
listing to be "temporarily"
suspended pending an
announcement.

The suspension price was 8p. The shares were as high as 18;p

at one time last year but have been around 10p for some time.

Swiss interests hold nearly

30 per cent of the shares. At the last count the Prodential Assurance group had a further

Lost October shareholders were told that the South Afri-can deal had not yet gone through. Inclusion of its figures

helped the group to keep pre-

tax losses down to £266,296 for the half year to last September

per cent.

compared £100,592.

for 1979. ·

Broken Hill's oil

drilling programme

Broken Hill Proprietary has now released details of its

major oil exploration pro-gramme for 1981 both in Aus-tralia and in New Zealand and

China. Eight wells will be drilled offshore and seven or

The main interest will be in

BHP-Esso will drill up to six

wells starting in late April or early May with the arrival of the drillship Southern Cross.

Firestone Tire and Rubber said its North American tyre operation had a \$10m (\$4.46m)

operation had a slom [24-40m] operating profit in the first quarter to December 1 compared with an operating loss of 514m in the first quarter

The company attributed the

improvement to the closing of unprofitable operations, reduc-tions in overheads and im-

proved productivity, which more than offset a 24 per cent decline in shipments.

International tyre operations'

operating profits rose to \$29m from \$25m, while its diversified products' operating profits fell to \$10m from \$12m.

The company had a foreign exchange gain of \$13m in the latest quarter in contrast to a

During the quarter proceeds of \$230m from the sale of Fire-stone Flastics and a synthetic rubber plant in France along

54m loss a year earlier.

last year.

The partners are elso planning clients.

more onshore in Australia.

the Bass Strait area.

**Profits** 

Em 0.4(0.48) 0.57(0.39) 103.2(137.6) 7.2(3.38) 0.13\*(0.18\*) 0.31\*(0.35\*) 0.16(0.1) 410.0(441.0)

Earnings per share

--(--) 0.95(0.99). 18.6(22.3)

<del>-(-)</del> 18.8(46.5)

134.5(141.8)

Whiteley suspended

pending development

B. S. & W. Whiteley, the a seismic survey to follow up electrical insulating pressboard existing prospects leads and manufacturer, which is selling complete the extensive high

with profits of separate locations.

The group went out of the Mr Boanas to leave dividend list with a 1.79p gross

2.8(—) 5.0(5.0)

Trust Securities returned from suspension 68p higher at 300p, along with details of its major property deal with W. W. Drinkwater. Shares of B. S. & W. Whiteley were suspended at 8p pending an announcement. were judged disappointing, but the expected flood of selling faile to materialize and prizes in the sector as a whole steadied at the close. Nat West itself ended the day 4p lower at 361p, while Barclays dipped

Commercial Union made a betteer job of things, rising 3p to 157p, and the liberal increase in the dividend was able to offest any short-term

Accident at 306p, 2p to GRE at 326p, 5p to Royal Insurance at 378p and 9p Sun Alliance at 781p.

Better than expected full-year figures had Vantona 8p higher at 106p, after 109, and prompted a further rally in textiles generally. Nottingham Manufacturing, which reported earlier in the week, rose 2p to 120p, Textured Jersey 7p to 95p, British Mohair 3p to 37p and Courtaulds 4p to 60p.

Shares of Gaskell Broadloom weer the subject of a dawn raid by brokers Rowe & Pitman, who picked up 14.9 per cent on behalf of a client. The shares leapt 21p to 66p.

News of a joint venture into the electric car market had shares of Chloride, 1p firmer at 39p and Lucas Industries 7p stronger at 177p.

The announcement of The Prince of Wales' engagement brought specularity interest to several companies likely to benefit from subsequent com-

quality seismic coverage of all the permit and licence areas of the basin.

Exco Securities (1979), the

parent company of the Astley & Pearce money broking group, has agreed to exchange shares

for the remaining minority shareholding in the Godsell

Group of money brokers. Exco-will then own all the issued share capital of both money

There will be no change

the management, which will continue to operate indepen-dently from their present

Mr Arthur Ecanas, aged 54:

announced yesterday in an

agreed joint statement that he

will be resigning as a partner of stockbrokers W. Greenwell

& Co in May. Mr Bosnas, who joined the firm 15 years ago in

its research department and who has been a partner for 10 years, says he will be returning to fund management and finan-

cial counselling. He added: "It has been my choice to re-

sign. I want to return to fund management and that is some-

thing Greenwell's don't do ". Mr Boanas currently carries out

some research on companies and

services certain of Greenwell's

International

West and the second second

with cash from reduced work

ing capital were used to reduce debt by \$101m and increase

ments by \$161m Firestone said

Lower metals prices and a

seven-week strike at its Tasma. nian west coast mines cut first-

half net profits to A\$9.7m (£4.9m) at EZ Industries,

igninst A\$33.1m in the first

The Supreme Court of South

Australia has approved a

schome of arrangement between

Massey Ferguson (Australia)

Sharp fall at EZ

Massey Ferguson

half last year-

and short-term invest-

Exco to buy minority

of Godsell Group

broking groups.

W Greenwell

Year's

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memorative activity. Birming-ham Mint jumped 17p to 223p. Wedgwood 5p to 73½p, Royal Worcester 23p to 293p, Stafford-shire Potteries 5p to 49p, Wade Potteries 5p to 52p, Standard Fireworks 8p to 96p and Black & Edgington 4p to 38p. Breweries and hotels also joined in the celebration with

Shares of Lasmo-were hoisted 12p to 644p yesterday as brokers Cazenove again entered the market and picked up all available stock on offer. This has led investors to pay particular attention to the group, especially in view of the seventh round licences which are expected to be allocated any day now.

Bass 4p higher, Distillers 3p better at 189p while Grand Metropolitan added 5p to 171p and Trusthouse Forte 7p .to

Equity turnover for February 23 was £135.172m (bargains 19,300). Active stocks according to the Exchange Telegraph were British Aerospace, Plessey, Associated Dairies, GEC, Beecham, Allebone and Sons and Uni-

Traditional options: Dealers reported quiet conditions with calls made in Kalgurli, a rate of 9p, in Leonard Oil, Town and City, Intervision Video, Fisons and Premier Oil, Doubles were completed in ICI at 32p in Strate Oil, Lonrho, Grindlays and First National Pinance, Traded options: A total of 8/4 —(—) — 21.0(17.5) — 3.8(3.48) 1/7 8.0(8.0) siness News dividends

final payout

Akzo, the Dutch chemicals

Akzo, the Dutch chemicals and manmade fibres group, yesterday revealed heavy losses for 1980 due to poor sales from both its main divisions. The final dividend has been passed. A spokesman said trading had been hit in the last two years by increased imports from the United States and over-capacity within the group's

over-capacity within the group's

Eaka European plants through-out Europe, which include British Enkalon.

Akzo reports a loss of 168m

florins (£13m) on sales slightly ahead at 12,400m florins, against 12,000m florins last

time, after extraordinary items.

Net income before items was

171m florins against 289m
florins in the previous year,
but losses from extraordinary

ftems amounting to 239m florius, are due entirely to

restructuring costs of Enka

Europe announced last month. The final dividend last year

The decline in sales of man-made fibres in 1980 was mainly in Enka Europe's synthetic textile and carpet fibres. The board says that the measures

taken at plants in West Germany, the Netherlands and Northern Ireland will result in losses of some £76.9m. Part of this will come from provisions

made in the last few years, with the remaining 250m floring included in the extra-

Once these measures are

completed, the board is looking

for an increase in Enka's results annually of between

ordinary items.

company said.

after loss

By Our Financial Staff

One name mentioned early on, but discarded as a buyer by the market after reports of a denial, was Hong Kong Carpets, the company that has a 29.9 per cent stake in Carpets International 1.448 contracts were made yes-terday. Consolidated Gold attracted 58, BP 20, Commercial Union a total of 253 Akzo passes

tional. It acquired 25 per cent of that stake last May, in the second of that summer series of stock market raids conducted by Rowe & Pirman before the rules were revised. Rowe & Pitman were unable to comment last night on whether Hong Kong Carpets was interested in Gaskell. PAE

Gaskell

By Catherine Gunn

**Broadloom** 

shares soar

on raid news

Shares of Lancashire carpet

manufacturer Gaskell · Broad

loom leapt 21p to a new high

of 66p yesterday, after stock-broker Rowe & Pitman, announced that an unnamed

client was prepared to pay 64 p

a share for up to 14.9 per cent

of the equity, under the new rules for the conduct of stock market raids. The previous 1980-81 high was 59p. Mr Maurice Horton, chair.

man and managing director of

Gaskell Broadloom, said he had

no idea who the buyer could be. A spokesman for Rowe &

Pitman declined to reveal the

client's identity until the pur-

chase has been completed.
With most of the 4.39m shares held by individuals, he said "it could take days rather than hours" to acquire the

stake. By yesterday evening the firm had made "reasonable progress in view of the difficult nature of the operation", and was expecting to buy more

was expecting to buy more shares today.
Imperial Tobacco's ITC Pension Instant ITC Pension Investments were approached yesterday, but have retained their combined 5.98 per cent stake in Gaskell The directors of Gaskell control 18.2 per cent of the shares, and Mrs K. Gaskell has 11.2 per cent.
One name mentioned early

#### Full-year profits top £570,000 at **Aquis Securities**

By Our Financial Staff Aguis Securities, the property development group in which Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance has nearly 65 per cent of the shares, raised pre tax profits from £334,008 to £570,679 in the year to December 31.

ber 31.

The group sold Atlas House, Cheapside, in the City of London to a subsidiary of Jardine Matheson for £9.25m last June. Atlas House is thought to have provided incompany a property of the statement of t provided income at a rate of only 5 per cent or so, and the group obviously has got a lot more than that by putting the money on deposit.

Aquis said last August that it planned to reinvest the proceeds in the property sector by buying existing properties and developing others. The deal which was credited to capital reserves.

The gross dividend rises from 1.03p to 1.29p

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Fried Krupp said that its turnover, incoming orders, and total order book expanded con-siderably in 1980.

Dm13,900m (52.9m), incoming orders were up 12 per cent at Dm15.100m and overall external orders at the end of December were 12 per cent higher at Dm10\_500m Krupp is due to publish its

Return to profits at Firestone and its local creditors, the

> The court also dismissed an application by Capel Court Corporation, in which Midland Bank International has a 26 per cent stake, for the winding up of Massey Ferguson Finance (Australia)

#### Krupp sales rise 9oc

Sales rose 9 per cent to

1920 results in June. It made a net group profit of Dm64 2m in 1979 after a loss of Dm19.1m

THE MILFORD DOCKS COMPANY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Entraordinary Meeting of the Millord Docks Company will be held at the Hide Park Hotel, so knowlyddige I ondon S.W.1. on Wednesday the 18th day of March 1941, at 12 noon for the purpose of considering the provisions of the Bill now before Parliament initialed. A Bill to empower the Millord Docks Company to construct vorks and to acquire lands; to exhad and after the limits of the docks to authorise the raising of additional capital; to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes. page 1 At such Meeting the said Bill will be submitted for the consideration and approved of the Proprietors.

Dated this 18th das of February, 1981. P. A WELSFORD

#### **Eusiness** appointments

## Three non-executive directors for Nexos

Mr Martin Harms, has been made non-executive chairman of Nexos Office Systems by the National Emprorise Board, Mr Ken Frost and Mr John Cakley will be 402-executive directors. Mr T. S. Braybrooke, groun

deputy managing director of Chubb & Son, is to join the main board as son, is to join the main more as international product director for physical security products in the United Kingdom and overseas. He also become chairman of Josiah Parkes & Sons (Holdings). Ar D. N. Dring becomes chairman of Chubb Fire Security and Chubb Electronics and joins the main board as international product director for fire and burglar alarm director for fire and burglar alarm products in the United Kingdom and overseas. Mr A. L. Markham joins the main board as regional director for North America and South Arica; Mr P. G. Crossland becomes. managing director of Chubb Fire Security; Kr R. G. Bond-Gunnary becomes managing director of Chubb Electronics; Mr D. S. Maithand is to be chairman of Josiah Parkes and Sons and

Mr D. F. Langley becomes managing director of Jeslah Parkes & Sans. All appointments are from April 1.

Mr Graham Mooney has been appointed an executive director of Arthur Price of England. Mr Ernest Sharp is to join the board of Unigate as a non-evecurive director and will resign as chairman of Giftspur, which was recently acquired by Unigate. Mr Robert Wilson has become managing director of Lambert and

Eendall (IPEX).
The board of London Transport international Services has been reconstituted under the chairmanship of Sir Peter Maselleld. Mr Arthur Knight continues as managing director. The other LTI board members are: Mr David Quaraby, Dr Tony Ridley, Mr William Maxwell (until March 31), Mr John Cameron and Mr Ian

Phillips.
Mr J. P. Robertson has been appointed chairman and managing director of the newly-formed Fac-ness Withy (Shiphroking) com-

pany. Other hoard appointments are: Mr A. B. M. Collyns. Mr T. J. Davidson, Mr S. J. Nall, Mr A. C. Roberts, and Mr C. M. Williams

Mr R. J. Moore has become managing director of SPP Fluid Engineering group.

Mr Brian Smith has been appoint ted a part-time member of the Civil Aviation Authority for a three-year term. He will succeed Mr A. Maxwell Stamp, who will retire on April 30,
ACB Research has appointed

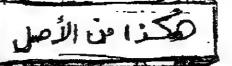
AGB Research has appointed the following to the boards of its Irish market research subsidiary companies: Mr D. A. G. Elyan, Mr P. J. Curran (alternate Mr W. G. M. Frew) and Mr P. W. Wisson at Attwood Research of Ireland; Mr Elyan, Mr Curran (alternate Mr Frew) and Mr M. A. Kirkham at Irish TAM. Mr E. P. Williams to continue as ranaging director of both time as managing director of both companies, Mr B. G. W. Attwood and Air D. A. W. Black have resigned as directors al acquisition by AGB Research.

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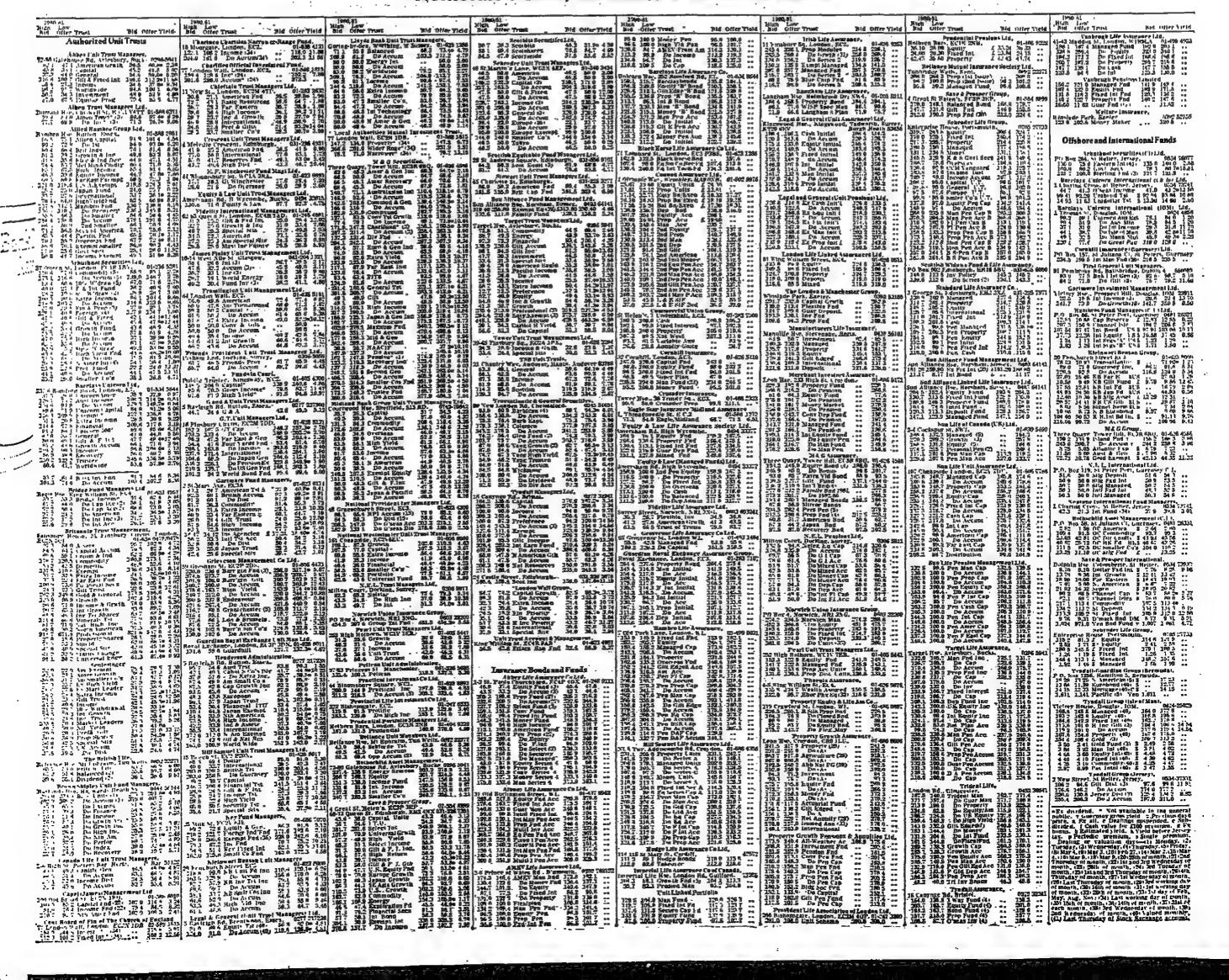
but under special trade arrange-irs, such supar was expected to be urred when India's supply of this re-ement supar involving some 180,000 nes to operators concerned would



#### Discount Foreign exchange report Currencies had a very busy session yesterday, due to interest rate moves, actual and projected, economic indicators and comments by financial spokesmen. Nervous conditions remained and rates swing sharply at times as dealers endeavoured to adjust to new situations. The mark took a leading role, moving between 2.1380 and 2.0865, before ending slightly lower at 2.1130 (2.1120) grainen the dollar following a hectic spell sparked off by the Bundesbank's decision to implement a special Lombard Feb Feb Wall Street market was Alo,00 higher at 7.00 higher at 1.00 higher 1.0 Once again, day-to-day credit was in full supply in the discount market yesterday and the houses ruled off their books without intervention by the Bank of England. Aithough money tended to move rather showly, some houses had reached their target by lunchtime with hids generally at 131 per cent, but occasionally down at 131 per cent. Closing balances were picked up in the area of 131 to 131 per cent. New York. Feb 24.—Stocks on the New York Stock Exchange closed higher in moderate trading as the NYSE index rose 0.07 to 72.91 and the average price per share timee cents. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.57 to 946.10 and advances led, declines 862 to 614. Termover quickened to 43,960,000 shares from 39,590,000 yesterday. Active Owens-Illinois rose 12 to 601. International Paper 12 to 441. General Electric 2 to 652. McDonald's 21 to 565, ex-dividend, and Litton Industries 11 to 671. GK Technologies was up 34 at 481 and Penn Central up 11 at 391. Raiston Purina was 102 off 2 in heavy trading that included blocks of 650,000 and 350,000 shares. Aleman Ind. American Research State American Research State American State Bondoren State dere state of the control of the con tacity this tailities tanding to tanding to tanding the tart of the second tare to the second 的现在分词,可是这是这个大学的是一个人的,但是不是是一个人的是一个人的是一个人的是一个人的,也是一个人的是一个人的,也是一个人的是一个人的,也是一个人的人的人的 Sterling: Spot and Forward Other Markets New York Montreal Amsterdam Brussels Copenbagen Dublin Frankfurt Lisben Madrid Milan Oslo 1 month ,40-50c disc ,70-80c disc 12-be prem 8c prem-2c disc 145-re prem-20 05-20p disc 1-1-bet disc Australia Bahpein Finland tiprece Hongkong Iran Kuwait Malaysia Mevico NewZesfand Saudi Arabia Sangapore Sauth Africa 1.9.215-1.9.385 0.9405-0.9435 0.9405-0.9435 0.9730-9.1130 111.75-113-75 Not available 0.6110-0.5140 5.0.910-5.1210 5.0.910-5.1210 5.0.910-5.1210 5.0.910-5.1210 4.9673-7.4830 1.7390-1.7540 32.6680-6800 5.15-2311 76.30-77.50f 14.58-72k 1.2590-2675p 4.67-77m 125.00-127.00c 191.50-193.75p 225-30f 12.00-10k 10.97-51.11f 10.24-34k 460-70y 33.20-70scb 4.25-31f 32 6760-6176 5.20-21*(1* 77.15-25*(* MCA Corporation closed at 47% up 3. 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Oslo Paris Stockholm, Tokyo Vienna Zurich 80-2050re disc 1-2c disc 1-320-1420ore disc 440-380y prem 21-14gro prem 51-14gro prem Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was down 4.3% to 39.5% regarded and the second and the seco US commodities SILVER futures ched out closing gains of nine to eight cents after fucinating in a 20-cent range on mostly local ring therest.—Feb. 1,295.00c; March. 1,295.00c; May. 1,334.00c; Ardi. 1,515.00c; May. 1,334.00c; Ardi. 1,515.00c; May. 1,334.00c; May. 1,516.00c; May. 1,516.00c; May. 1,524.00c; March. 1,518.00c; May. 1,524.00c; March. 1,518.00c; May. 1,524.00c; March. 1,518.00c; May. 1,524.00c; March. 1,680.00c; May. 1,626.00c; May. 1,680.00c; May. 1,526.00c; May. 1,680.00c; May. 1,536.00c; May. 1,680.00c; May. 1,536.00c; May Indices -Dollar Spot **Money Market** a men talliam 1975 a men talliam 1975 a min bande 1975 a militari at 1975 a min talliam 1975 a man talliam 1 Bankof Morgan England Guaranty lodex Changes Rates Rates ≠ ireiand + Canada Sterling 99.5 US dollar 99.8 Canadian dollar 84.8 Schilling 115.4 Belgian franc 107.8 Danish kroner 91.7 Deutsche mark 120.1 Swiss franc 135.1 Guilder 112.6 French franc 66.5 Yen 146.4 1.461.00: 1.30. 1.482.00: March. 1.518.00: May. 1.534.00: July. 1.590.00: Sept. 1.626.00: Dec. 1.680.00: May. 1.534.60: Dec. 1.680.00: May. 1.534.60: Dec. 1.680.00: Sept. 1.626.00: Dec. 1.680.00: March. 1.680.50: Dec. 1.680.00: Sept. 1.626.00: March. 1.680.00: Sept. 1.626.00: Sept. 1.626.00: March. 1.680.00: Sept. 1.626.00: March. 1.680.00: Sept. 1.626.00: Sept. 1.626.00 (Last charged 24/11/26) Belgium Denmark West Germany Canadian From Almany Angular Manany Angular Manany Angular Manany Angular Manany Manan Clearing Banks Base Rate 14% west German Spain Italy Norway France Sweden Japan Austria Swezerland Discount Mai Loonery Oversight: Bigh 134 Treasury Bills (Dis %) Selling 12% 2 months 12% 13% 3 months 11% 50 PFFEE.—ROBUSTAS (C per ionne): srn, 1,057-37: May, 1,050-51: July, 064-66: Scot. 1,075-78: Nov. 1,080-1,Jan, 11,085-1,110: Marra, 1,080-1,July, 1,085-1,110: Marra, 1,080-1,July, 1,085-1,110: Marra, 1,080-1,005-1,00 Based on trade weighted changes from Washington agreement December 1971. 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# Certainty vital in commercial contracts

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Scarman and Lord Bridge

[Speeches delivered February 19] The House of Lords once again stressed the importance of certainty in all commercial trans-actions when they held that a telex transfer of the monthly hire due under a time charterparty inchided two words which in accordance with Italian inter-bank practice had the effect of post-poning for a few days the ship-owners' unconditional right to the immediate use of the funds transwas not "punctual payment" of the hire "in cash", and the shipowners became entitled to withdraw the vessel, as they did, from the service of the

from the service of the charterers.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal by Italian shipowners, Fulvia SpA di Navigazione of Cagliari, from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Dunn) (The Times, June 10, 1980), which had allowed an appeal by Norwegian charterers, A/S Awilco, of Oslo, from Mr Justice Robert Goff [[1979] I Lloyd's Rep. 367) on a dispute arising out of the payment of hire of a vessel, the Chikuma, under a time charter. The Court of Appeal had restored the conclusion of a City of London commercial arbitrator that the Norwegian charterers had punctually paid the 81st instalment of monthly hire on the due date, and that the owners were not entitled to withdraw the vessel from the charterers' service, as they had done, by reason only of what the Court of Ampeal Consel from the charterers' service, as they had done, by reason only of what the Court of Appeal considered no more than Italian interbanking practice after the payment had been made.

Mr Christopher Staughton, QC, and Mr V. V. Veeder for the owners; Mr R. A. Leggatt, QC, and Mr Roger Buckley, QC, for the charterers.

the charterers.

LORD BRIDGE, with whose speech Lord Diplock, Lord Simon, Lord Edmund-Davies and Lord Scarman concurred, said that the speeal arrose from a dissurant product that the series of a time. pute under the terms of a time charterparty in the New York Produce Exchange form to which at the material time the appelat the material time the appellants were parties as owners of the Chikuma and the respondents as charterers. By clause 5 of the charterparty, payment of the hire was "to be made ... in cash in United States currency, mouthly in advance ... otherwise failing the punctual and regular payment of the hire ... the owners shall be at liberty to withdraw the vessel from the service irrevocable under Italian banking law and practice and the funds 

missed by the employers when they wrote to inform him that his name had been removed from their books. But a decision by an industrial tribural that the employee had been unfairly dismissed was, in the circumstances, a decision which no reasonable tribunal could have reasonable

could have reached.
The Court of Appeal allowed an

appeal by the employers, London Transport Executive, from a judgment of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, affirming the decision of an industrial tribunal that the employee, Mr Langford Clarke, had been unfairly dismissed by the employers.

had been untartly dismissed by the employers.

Mir Anthony Scrivener, QC, and Mr Christopher Carling for London Transport; Mr Eldred Tabachnik for the employee.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the employee, who was born in Jamaica, liked to go back to Jamaica whenever he could. In 1977 he had received leave for two months, but had staved for four

1977 he had received leave for two months, but had stayed for four months, sending a medical certificate to excuse his absence. In 1978 he was off work for two and a half months, saying he was sick. In 1979 he applied for leave again to go to Jamaica for six weeks, from February 28 to April 12. It was refused. Such leave was usually only Praced once in three leaves in three leave

12. It was refused. Such leave was usually only granted once in three years. He had renewed his application, Still it had been refused. He asked what would happen if he just took off, and the personnel officer said that his name would be removed from the books. Despite that warning he went. He returned seven weeks later, bringing a medical certificate, it is not a medical officer in jamaica, dated March 2, 1979, saying that he was unfit to carry on his duties for 49 days from February 28, 1979. It was indeed surprising. His illness would last for the exact time of his holiday. While he was away London Transport sent letters to him at his London address. The first asked for an evolundary of his

One such is Shropshire.

It speaks of a "tragically high" level of mempleyment

town, where the jobless rate

is 18.1 per cent for males and

West Midlands.
On Friday the county coun-

areas around Madeley, Oaken-gates and Wellington.

and that the owners were there-fore nor entitled to withdraw the vessel when they did. Mr Justice Robert Goff reversed that conclu-sion, and the Court of Appeal restored the arbitrator's decision. Before January, 1976, monthly

payments of hire had always been made punctually by credit transfer to the owners' bank. On January 21, 1976, the charterers January 21, 1976, the charterers instructed their Norwegian bank to make the required payment by credit transfer. On Thursday, January 22, at 11.41am, on Instructions from the Norwegian bank, Credito Italiano. Genoa, sent a telex to the owners' bank: "Paywithout expenses for us USA S68,863.84 [by] order Christiania Bank... Oslo for account A/S Awilco in favour SASDA SPA... your good selves re: Chikuma stop [We] telecover you value 26 through Chase Manhattau Bank New York account yours of Turin stop".

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That was a translation from the original Italian, the words in square brackets being agreed as producing a more accurate version than the English text used in the courts below, though nothing turned on that. The telex had not been exhibited to the special case by the arbitrator, but it was agreed before the judge that it should be treated as an exhibit. That was sensible, for without seeing the telex it would be difficult to understand the arbitrator's crucial findings of fact set out in the following two paragraphs:

Nowadays people seemed to think that a contract was never discharged by breach, no matter how fundamental, unless it was accepted by the other side. That was a mistake. It was the result

was a mistake. It was the result of the modern phraseology about "anticipatory breach". A repudiation by words only, a party saying that he would not perform a future obligation, an articipatory breach, was a thing "writ in water." It was as nothing unless and until accepted. But a repudiatory breach was better described as a "fundamental breach" or a "breach going to the root of the contract ". Such a breach might well lead to the discharge of a contract without any need for acceptance: Poussard v Spiers ((1876) 1 QBD 410).

Under section 54 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act, 1978, when an employee was dismissed for misconduct the court had to ask who terminated the contract. There was much difference of opinion among the indees on that nues.

who terminated the contract. There was much difference of opinion among the judges on that question. It was desirable for the Court of Appeal to afford some guidance. It was best done by applying the common law principles just stated. The cases fell into two groups.

The first was where the contract of the employee was such that it was completely inconsistent with the continuance of the contract of employment, so that the ordinary member of an industrial tribunal would say that he sacked himself. In those cases the employee terminated the contract.

The second was where the misconduct of the employee was bad enough to instify the employer in

enough to justify the employer in dismissing him, but left it open to the employer whether to dismiss him or not. If the employer elected to dismiss him it was the em-ployer who terminated the con-

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On January 24. 1976, the of the owners' bank until Monday, owners withdrew the vessel from January 26. the service of the charterers on "5. On January 22, the owners'

owners withdrew the vessel from the service of the charterers on the ground that they had failed to pay the monthly instalment of mire due on January 22. The charterers disputed the alleged damages for wrongful withdrawal of the ship. That claim was referred to arbitration by Mr Donald Davies as sole arbitrator. On a preliminary issue he was requested and agreed to state an interim award in the form of a special case, on the assumption that a monthly instalment of hirefell due on or before January 22 in the sum of \$68,863.84.

The arbitrator, having set out his primary findings of fact, held the charterers had paid the appropriate sum on the due date in accordance with the contract and that the owners were therefore nor entitled to withdraw the safet sum of the instructions, their bank recredited the amount of the transfer to Credito Italiano on January 23.

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It was further found that, on the owners' instructions, their bank recredited the amount of the transfer to Credito Italiano on January 23.

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transfer to Credito Italiano on January 23.

The arbitrator posed as the question of law for the court:

"Whether the . . . owners were entitled to withdraw the vessel on Seturday, January 24, 1976, under clause 5 of the charterparty."

Under the heading "Award", he wrote: "Subject to the decision of the court, I bold that:—

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sion of the court, I bold that:—

1. There was a payment to the owners, by the charterers, of US dollars 68,863.34 on Thursday, January 22, 1976. 2. On the assumption that hire in the above aum was due on January 22 the owners were not entitled to withdraw the vessel on Saturday, January 24, under clause 5 of the charterparty."

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charterparty."

His Lordship concluded from those extracts that the arbitrator was treating the question he had to resolve as a pure question of law depending on the true construction of the contractual provision applicable. His award as set out did not purport to be other than a conclusion of law and, in particular, there was no indication in the case that, either on the basis of expert evidence or by applying his own knowledge as a very experienced commercial arbitrator, he was attaching to any of the contractual words any special technical meaning.

Two general observations should be made about the facts, First, the effect of the telex from Credito Italiano to the owners' bank seemed, in the light of the findings in paragraphs 4 and 5, to produce a situation, in accordance with Italian banking law and practice, which, in the eyes of an

In the discumstances of the

case all the members of the court felt that the employee should not be awarded compensation. The

only legitimate way of actileving that result was to say that the employee dismissed himself. The appeal should be allowed accord-

LORD JUSTICE TEMPLEMAN

LORD JUSTICE TEMPLEMAN said that the general rule was that a repudiated contract was not terminated unless and until the repudiation was accepted by the innocent party: Boston Deep Sca Fishing and Ice Co Ltd v Ansell ((1888) 39 ChD 339). That case provided an illustration that contracts of employment could not provide a general exemption to the rule because it would be manifestly unjust to allow a wrougdoer to determine a contract by repudiatory breach if the innocent party wished to affirm the contract for good reason. Repudiation could not determine a contract while there existed a reason and an opportunity for the innocent party to affirm the contract.

was able to establish conduct on the part of the employer which

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any future application.

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time charter must have been a valuable asset. The Court of Appeal and been told that the charterest claim for damages was 53m. Yet their failure, if there was a failure, to comply with their obligation under clause 5 was obviously of a very minor character.

It was not the first time that clause 5 of the New York Produce Exchange form of charterparty had been before the court. In The Brimnes [11973] 1 WLR, 386 400 Mr Justice Brandon had said of it: "... the words J' payment ... in cash'] in clause 5 must be interpreted against the back-ground of modern commercial ground of modern commercial practice they cannot mean only payment in dollar bills or only payment in dollar bills or other legal tender of the United States. They must, as the owners contend, have a wider meaning, comprehending any commercially recognized method of transferring funds the result of which is to give the transferree the unconditional right to the immediate use of the funds transferred.

funds transferred.33 In the instant case, the test enunclated in the last sentence had been adopted and applied both by the judge and the Court of Appeal. But it led them to by the judge and the Court of Appeal. But it led them to opposite conclusions. The judge said: "Here, the money took the form of a telex transfer and the telex transfer had attached to it... a condition embodied in the words 'value 26'... the effect of the imposition of that condition was to render it a payment which did not give the transferree the unconditional right to the immediate use of the funds transferree ... It is as though the cash was handed over the counter on Thursday and at the time of its transfer a condition was attached to it—that if it was made available to the beneficiary immediately, interest was to be payable until the Monday, and if it was not made available to him immediately, interest was to be payable until the Monday, and if it was not made available to him immediately, interest would not accrue to him until the Monday... In my judgment ... one cannot ignore the power of money, to breed interest. To do so is to ignore an essential attribute of money itself."

The Court of Appeal reached

The Court of Appeal reached the conclusion that the owners' right to the immediate use of the funds was unconditional. Their main grounds appeared to be (1) that the last sentence of the telex containing the crucial words "value 26" was an interbanking arrangement which did not affect the rights of the owners; (2) that the arbitrator had found as a fact, or on a mixed muestion of fact

# No self-dismissal by holidaying employee

to satisfy the tribunal that he acted reasonably in treating the repudiatory conduct as sufficient reason for accepting the repudia-

repudiatory conduct as sufficient reason for accepting the repudiation.

A finding that London Transport, either on March 26, when they removed the employee from their books, or on the date when their letter reached him, unfairly dismissed him would be a finding that outraged common sense. The suggestion that London Transport were under a duty on March 25 to hold their hand and wait and see whether and when the employee returned to fins country and, whether he had any more excuses for his conduct was fanciful. The task of a tribunal was not to find every possible excuse for a finding of unfair dismissal. The tribunal appeared to have thought that the letter from the employee's wife should have disposed London Transport to postpona a final decision until the employee returned. In that letter she had combraned that he would not be returning until the middle of April and gave no adequate reason why he should insist on taking the very length of absence rejected by London Transport.

The tribunal also appeared to have given no weight to the fact that if London Transport and come back it would still have been far to dismiss him.

The decision of the tribunal could not be justified. The appeal should be allowed accordingly.

LORD JUSTICE DUNN, agree-

There was no reason why a contract of employment or services should be determined by repudiation and not by acceptance of repudiation at common law. The argument had little practical importance at common law. A difficulty arose under the Act of 1978 if Bir Scrivener's argument of a special category of determination of a contract by self-dismissal. An industrial tribunal had first to could not be justified. The appeal should be allowed actordisely. LORD JUSTICE DUNN, ærreeing with the reasons given by Lord Justice Templeman, said that is followed that previous decisions of the Employment Appeal Tribunal to the effect that the contract of employment was terminated by the repudiation of the employee and not by the acceptance of the employer were wrongly decided. Those decisions were Gamoon v. J. C. Firth Ltd [1976] IRLR 415) and Kallinos v. London Electric Wire [1980] IRLR 11).

Solicitors: Solicitor, London Tamport Executive; Pattinson & of a contract by self-dismissal. An industrial tribunal had first to decide whether the employee's breach of contract was repudiatory, and then whether the repudiatory act was of a special kind which amounted to self-dismissal. If those matters were decided in favour of the employer then the tribunal were not authorized to consider whether the employer's refusal to affirm the contract was fair or unfair, unless the employee was able to establish conduct on Transport Executive; Pattinson & Brewer.

Surgeon Lieutenant - Com-

nander Richard Wingate, aged

35, an eye specialist at the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, who lives at the shore-based

HMS Drake, was also ordered to forfeit all seniority of rank.

Wingate cuffed the ratings gently on the shoulder or head

if they called him "Sir". He was accused of eight offences under the Naval Discipline Act.

He pleaded guilty to four charges: failing to conduct himself in an orderly manner so as to show an example to

those subject to his command;

The court was told that Cdr

Naval surgeon who drank

with ratings dismissed ship

said to have drunk with junior wardroom mess rules by having ratings in a public house and a bottle of whisky in his cabin.

The court accepted his pleas

urged them to call him by his The court accepted his pleas first name was ordered at a of not guilty to three charges

court martial at Deconport of indecently assaulting a male yesterday to be dismissed his medical assistant and one of

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Lieutenant-Commander Simon

Stone, for the prosecution, said that in the Swan public house

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Cdr Wingate was introduced by Petty Officer John Heslop to

He added: "Peny Officer Reslop introduced his com-panions to him on first name

terms, referring to the accused

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made a point of chiding the junior ratings if they called him 'Sir', cuffing them gently on the shoulder or head."

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owners' bank would be entitled to impose on the owners' use of the funds between January 22 and 26. As to (2), the word "unconditional" nowhere appeared in the special case.

The third ground depended on the interpretation of "unconditional" in the context of Mrustice Brandon's extensery of Justice Erandon's statement of principle in The Brunnes. If the word was understood in its narrow legal sense as meaning that the transferre's right to the use of the founds transferred was neither subject to the fulfilment of a condition precedent nor defeasible on failure to fulfil a condition subsequent, his Lordship could see that the owners' right to the use of the funds on Jamary 22 could be described as unconditional.

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But the judge obviously understood it in a much wider and more liberal sense as equivalent to unfettered or unrestricted. In his Lordship's view, when payment was made to a bank otherwise than literally in cash—in dollar bills or other legal tender (which no one expected)—there was no "payment in cash" within the meaning of clanse 5 unless what the creditor received was the equivalent of cash, or as good as cash. That was supported both by the common sense of the matter and by the Court of Appeal judgments affirming the decision of Mr Justice Readon in The Brinnes ([1975] QB 925).

The book entry made by the owners' account was clearly not the equivalent of cash, nor was there any reason why the owners should have been prepared to treat it as the equivalent of cash. It could not be used to earn

not the equivalent of cash, nor was there any reason why the owners should have been prepared to treat it as the equivalent of cash. It could not be used to earn interest, for example, by immediate transfer to a deposit account. It could only be drawn subject to a (probable) hability to pay interest. In substance it was the equivalent of an overdraft facility which the bank was bound to make available. The finding of a probable liability to pay interest must connote a right in the owners' bank to charge interest, which was the decisive factor.

It followed, in his Lordship's view, that ou January 22 there was no "payment in cash." by the charterers of the hirs then assumed to be due, and accordingly the owners, having refused to accept the credit as payment in accordance with clause 5, were entitled to withdraw the ship on January 24.

In the Court of Appeal it was calculated that the interest on the gnountly instalment of hire from January 22 to January 25 would have been \$70 or \$100. That encouraged Lord Denming to say: "It seems to me that that triffing bank charge, if it had been exacted, would not have affected the nature of the payment which had already been made. The credit was available to the owners, in their bank, as from midday on Thursday. The owners had the full use of it. It was unconditional. The mere debiting of a trilling bank charge would not make it conditional."

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would not make it conditional."
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the emphasis on the word
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invoke and apply the de minimis
principle. No such point had
been taken for the charterers in boliday. Salary negotiable, Please ring 222 3116 the House; but the de minimis principle could certainly not be invoked in the instant case to excuse failure to make punctual MORE THAN A PRETTY FACE? payment in cash under clause S Earlier exercises of judicia Earlier exercises of judicial ingenuity to mitigate the rigours of clauses in charterparties giving to shipowners a right to withdraw their ships on failure or default in payment of hire or freight bad not had a happy history. One such attempt had been the Court of Appeal decision in The Georgios C ([1971] 1 QB 485) which gave rise to much difficulty and uncertainty until it was over-

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which gave rise to much difficulty and uncertainty until it was overruled by the House in The Laconia ([1977] AC 850).

It had often been pointed out that shopowners and charterers burgained at arm's length. Neither class had such a preponderance of bargaining power as to be in a position to oppress the other. They should be in a position to look after themselves by contracting only on terms acceptable to them. Where, as here, they embodied in their contracts common form clauses, it was of overriding importance that their speaning and legal effect abould be certain and well understood. The ideal at which the courts should aim, in construing such clauses, was to produce a result, such that in any given situation both parties seeking legal advice as to their rights and obligations could expect the same clear and confident answer from their advisers, and neither would be tempted to embark on long and expensive lititation in the belief that victory depended on winning the sympathy of the court. That ideal might never be fully attaluable, but we should certainly never even approximate to it unless we strove to follow clear and consistent principles and steadfastly refuse to be blown off course by the supposed merits of individual cases.

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His Lordship would allow the appeal, restore the order of Mr Justice Robert Goff, and order the charterers to pay the owners' costs in the House and the Court of

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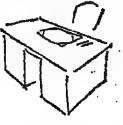
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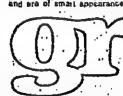
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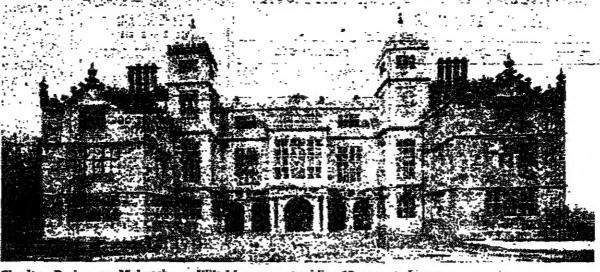
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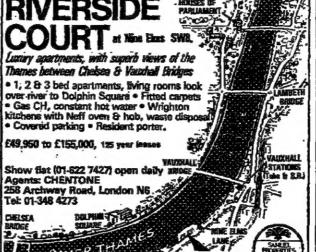
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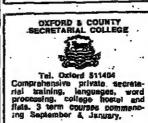
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mes Baldwin (right) and the Nigerian novelist Chinua chebe : a scene from I Heard It Through the Grapevine

Dick Fontaine's documentary I Heard It Through the Grapevine IV, 8.30) is a complete and sobering rejection of the argument at the black man's burden in the United States is lighter now in it was when the civil rights movement began in the 1960s. case rests principally on evidence amassed by the black iter James Baldwin as he moved through the former battlefields the Deep South where protest was quelled by batons and llets. It is dramatic stuff, often pitiful to watch, and the wsreel flashbacks to civil rights martyrs are used to maximum ect. I only wish Mr Fontaine had devised a better visual tenetive for his film than the fragmented chat better visual tenetive for his film than the fragmented chat bettern Mr Idwin and his younger and activist brother, David. It wastes luable time. And since when have the stinging words of the ler Baldwin needed a sounding board?

Question: how to get extra mileage out of old black-and-white iC TV films of Malcolm Muggeridge? Answer: position the nerable philosopher (now transformed by colour) and his oducer in front of an editing machine, roll the films, press the use button, and get today's Muggeridge to comment on sterday's Muggeridge who, in turn, was commenting on the iggeridge of many days before yesterday. Familiar enough predients, then, in the new eight-part series Muggeridge: cient and Modern (BBC 2, 8.05). But producer Jonathan dall, a film-maker of exceptionally finely tuned artistic isibility, has reconstituted them, and the result is a refreshing serience in autobiography.

And so Sons and Lovers comes to an end (BBC Z, 9.25), with death of Gertrude Morel and with Paul exiled to an emotional bo. I think it impossible to over-praise Jonathan Powell's duction. It has established the standard against which all are Lawrence adaptations will be measured. It has also firmed me in my belief that Eileen Atkins and Tom Bell are formers of the first rank. As for Lynn Dearth, who plays ra, she is an actress whose future prospects are exciting to

falcolm Muggeridge (see above) can also be heard on Radio 3 ight (10.00). His is just one of the tributes paid to the late liam Gerhardie in Piers Plowright's feature about the writer. hardie is the subject of a Saturday Review article in this arday's issue of The Times. His last book, God's Fifth Column, a be published next month. . . The Beethoven No 9 eats up at of tonight's concert from the Royal Festival Hall, The heatra is the PRC Surphene and Michael Cicles. bestra is the BBC Symphony, under Michael Gielen... The senter's voice in tonight's selection of songs with lyrics by Irashwin (Radio 2, 9.00) is Andre Previo's, but the words are my Green's whose knowledge of matters lyrical is everywhere

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## **Broadcasting Guide**

Edited by Peter Davalle

#### TELEVISION

Take Hart : Picture making,

BBC 1 5.40 Open University. It's a matter of opinion; 7.05 Earth materials; 7.30 Search and rescue. Closedown 4 7.55. Schools, Colleges, Technical studies; 9.35 Living underwater; 9.58 Let's Go; 10.12 The Lion Who Wished; 10.30 Animal foods; 11.02 Strength of foods; 11.02 on materials.

11.25 You and Me: Lines and Reli-

Circles.

11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Religious and morsi education; 12.05 Kontakte. Closedown at 12.30.

12.45 News; 1.00 Pebble Mili at One: Today's items include a cookery item presented by somebody well known in another context; 1.45 Trumpton.

2.01 For Schools, Colleges: David and Sani: 2.18 Streams and rivers; 2.01 For Schools, Colleges: David and Saul; 2.13 Streams and rivers; 2.40 Read On! Journey On (5).
3.00 Speak for Yourself: Second showing of the film showing how best to ask the boss for time off from work (r); 3.25 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: Ways with poultry (r); 3.55 Play School: Kathleen Dean's story The Snow Pig. Also on BBC 2, at 11.00.
4.20 Touché Turtle: Cartoon. Roll-a-Ghoster; 4.25 Jackanory:

6.40 Open University. Introduction to the organ; 7.30 Argument on television. Closedown at 7.55.
10.20 Gharbar: Magazine pro-

framme for Asian women viewers. Closedown at 10.45.

11.00 Play School: The same as BBC 1. 3.55 Kathleen Dean's story, The Snow Fig. Closedown

4.50 Open University. Santa Maria del Popolo. 5.15 Electronic design

and signals.

S.40 Love's Intrigue: Mack Sennett comedy, with Billy Bevan.\*

6.03 Sixteen Up: Advice for young people on their rights and responsibilities at work, and what they should know before starting their first job. Questions are answered about trade unions, sex discrimination and safety regulations.

6.25 The Master Game: Eighth game in the BBC 2 chess tourna-

Memory.
4.40 Take Hart: Picture making, with Tony Hart, Morph and the Tin Pots.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround;
5.10 Ereak in the Sun: Episode 3. Supplather is on the trail of runaway Paisy Blight (Nicola Couper);
5.35 The Perishers: with Leonard Rossiter (r).
5.40 News: With Richard Baker;
5.55 Regional news magazines.
All regions link up at 6.20 for Nationwide which touight includes the British Rock and Pop Awards.
Sue Lawley and Dave Lee Travis are the presenters and we also see Hazel O'Connor, Hor Chocolate and Madness.
7.05 Triangle: Serial about a passenger ferry. Supprising news for Sandy (Helena Breck), with Michael Craig as the captain.
7.30 Film: Doctor in the House (1954). Medical romp about four medical students (Dirk Bogarde, Kenneth More, Donald Sindea, Donald Houston), their girls (Muriel Pavlow, Kay Kendali, Suzanne Cloutier) and their fearsome mentor (James Robertson Justice). Very funny, Director: Ralph Thomas.

ment. The top seed, Bent Larsen from Denmark, who isn't doing too well, meets the defending Master Game champion Lother Schmid from West Germany. 6.55 Open Door: A new series begins. The Friends of the Earth, with the assistance of the BBC's Community Programme Unit, are given the chance to set the record straight about their activities. 7.25

straight about their activities. 7.25 News: with sub-sides for the first sub-s

News: with sub-cities for the hard of hearing. 7.35 Travellers in Time: Final film

in this series about early explora-tion. The story of the 1933 Everest expedition which got to within one thousand feet of the

9.09 News: With Jan Learning; 9.25 Sportsnight: Highlights from last night's Magri v Cal light. Also husbands compete with wives Also instands compete with wives in showlumping, for the Lanchme Trophy. From the National Equastrian Centre, Stoneleigh. 10.15 Open Secret: A Question of Control. The effect of automation on the airline pilot. Who is really at the controls—the man or the robor? Peter Williams investigates.

10.45 Parkinson. The mid-week redition of the chat show. His guests are A.J.P. Taylor, Julian Petrifer, Rose Murphy and Hollywood aztress Kim Novak. 11.45 News headlines. And weather forecast.

Regions

years and his teaching in India. (See Personal Choice.) 9.00 M'A\*S\*H: Korean war comedy. The medical team get a lesson in the latest surgical tech-

lesson in the latest surgical techniques from a Japanese doctor, which makes them realize just howfar behind the times they are.

9.25 Sous and Lovers: The final instalment of Trevor Griffiths's version of the D. H. Lawrence novel. The death of Gerrrude Morel (Eileen Arkins). Highly recommended. Repeated on Saturday night. (See Personal Choice.) 10.20 God and the Scientist: Sam Berry, Professor of Genetics at University College. London, is interviewed by Rouald Eyre in the last of this series, One question considered is: if evolution is a continuous process, how does religious experience fit in?

10.45 Newsnight: The day's news, with detailed examination of the most important stories. Ends at 11.35.

within one thousand teet of the summit.

8.95 Muggeridge: Ancient and Modern. First in a new series of eight films about Malcolm Muggeridge's half century of writing and broadcasting, with extracts from some of his many TV programmes. Tonight: boyhood in Croydon, the university

#### THAMES

BBC 2

and signals.

9,30 am For Schools: Dr Living-stone's travels; 9.50 Curved shapes; 10.10'A Victorian doctor's life; 10.35 Diarists and log-keepers; 11.05 Different sounds; 11.17 Family life in Verona; 11.34 Work in the country.

12.00 Cloppa Castle: Puppet story, The Frog Prince Caper (r); 12.10 pm Rainbow: The theme is greed. The story: The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg. 12.30 About Britain : Profile of

Cartisle, once one of Britain's most important railway centres (r). 1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 Crown Court: The jury has to decide in the case of the husband (Shaun Curry) char-ged with assaulting his wife (Brenda Fricker).

2.00 After Noon Plus. An interview with the American comedy actress Goldie Hawn who has now turned film producer, too.

2.30 Fantasy Island, Silly American series about an island where dreams can sometimes come true. 3.45 Movie Memories: The guest in today's nostalgic film clips programme is Roland Culver. He is interviewed by Roy Hudd. Clips of Casney and Keaton films are included.

4.15 Watch If! A Dr Snuggles 4.15 Watch If! A Dr Snuggles story, with the voice of Peter Ustinov; and, at 4.20 Runaround: quiz programme with Mike Reid. 4.45 Brendon Chase: Serial about three brothers who live in a forest. Today: Chaos at a birthday plenic. From BB's book. 5.15 Mr and Mrs: matrimonial quiz game; 5.45 News; 6.00 Thames news; 6.25 Heip! Preparations for next Wednesday's Pensioners' Action Day. And an interview with Jack Jones, 6.35 Crossroads; The motel serial continues with Clenda Brownlow's father receiving a telling off. father receiving a telling off.
7.00 This is Your Life. Somebody,
who isn't expecting it, has his/her
life story told in public by
Esmonn Andrews.

7.38 Coronation Street: The bad feelings at the Rovers Return erupt. Meanwhile, Ken Barlow waits for Deirdre's answer.
8.00 Max Bygraves: Songs of the year in which Stirling Moss won the Monaco Grand Prix and the new dance called The Twist was sweening the country. sweeping the country. 8.30 I Heard it Through the Grapewine: What the black writer parties and the Baldwin discovered about his fellow blacks living in the Deep South of the United States when some among them for the South of the United States when be moved among them for the first time in many years (see Personal Choice).

10.00 News from ITN. Also, Thames news headlines.

10.30 Film: High Midnight (1979) Television movie about the outcome of a brutal narcotics squad raid on a family home in which a mother and daughter are killed. The father (Mike Commors) sets out to secure justice. out to secure justice.

12.15 am Close: Toni Lothian reads something written by someone she calls "a wise woman "..... the artist Laura Knight.

Radio 4 6.00 am News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
6.30 Today.
7.00; 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 Mid-Week. and Drama I; Books, Plays, Poems; Nature. 11.00 Study on 4; Digiame ! (7). 11.30-12.10 am Open. University: The Augustan Revolution; Great Britain 1750-1950.

Radio 3

6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Enesco, Pibich †

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10.00 News. 10.02 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.45 Story: The Same Hole, by Violer Hutchings. 11.00 News. 11.05 Baker's Dozen. 12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Frank Muir Goes Into

Greed.† 12.55 Weather. The World at One.
Party Political Broadcast (Liberal).
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play: The Trotliners, by Ted
Walker.†
3.50 Zoo Talk.
4.00 Charal Exensors.†

1.00 Choral Evensong. 4.45 The Trumpet Major (3). 5.00 PM.

News. My Music.† News. News.
The Archers.
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Tuesday Call (repeat).
File on 4: Britain's Asians
West Indians and their self-19.00 The World Tonight.

10.30 There Were Giants in Those

Day -(3). 11.00 The Painted Vell (3). 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast. VHF Studies—English; Radio Thin King (5); La France aujourd kai

(5); Poetry Corner; Music Makers; Something to Think About. 10.30 Listen with Muther. 10.45-12.00 Schools: The Music Box; By the People, For the People : Casebook 'SI : Quest.
2.00 pm-3.90 Schools : Movement Radio 2

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S.00 am Bob Kilbey.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.90 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 David Hamilton.† 2.00 pm Ed. Stewart.† 4.00 Much More Music.† 6.00 Sieve Jones.† 8.30 Listen to the Band.† 8.30 Alan Dell.† 9.00 The Songwriters. † 10.00 Tony's. 10.30 Ian Botham. 11.00 Brian Marthew. 2.00 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

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9.05 Week's, Composer: Barber.
10.00 Philbarmonis / Rattle:
Szymanowski, Chopin (Pan) Core 2
-Crossley), Baird (Sym 3—1st
United Kingdom broadcast).
11.05 Organ: Bruhns, Bach,
Sokola-1

11.05 Organ: Bruins, Bach, Sokola; Sokola; 11.35 RPO esc/Hunt: Sanders: Vangham Williams, Schurmann (Piers Plosenan-let perf); 1.80 pm News.
1.05 Piano (N. Walker-live from Broadcasting House): Scriabin, Chopin, Rachmaninov, Lēst.; 2.06 Music Weekly; 1.250 Quarten (Lindsay): Beethoven (Op 95), Borodin (No 2); 1.45 Sopraso, pigno (Manning/Bennett): Maconchy; 1.40 The Prelude, by Wordsworth (8). VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2: 10.00 pm With Radio 1: 12.00-5.00 pm With Radio

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son): Moratti (R377).
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
7.00 Piano (Rowke): List (Son in B min).†
7.39 Scientifically Speaking.
8.00 BBCSO ent/Gelen (I've from Festival Hall): Schoetherg (Survivor from Warsaw), Beethoven (Sym 9).†
9.25 Six Comments.
9.45 Record: Debussy.†
10.90 My Life's the Least of it: postrait of William Gerbardie.
11.60 News.
11.65-11.15 Record: Field.†

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5.55 am-6.55 Open University:
Fundamentals of Ruman Geography: The Designer; Psychosexual Identity (1).
11.15 am-12.35 am Open University: What is Crime?; Enstrumemation; Hardy and the Ballads;
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Catherine's Church. Bearwood.
Nr. Wokingham. Thursday, 26th
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DEATHS

HARRISON—On February 21.

1981. In hospital in Lastbourne.
Sussay, Bertram John, aged 87
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HARRISON—On February 25rd.
David George, 20ed 38 rears. of
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of Caroline, George and Laura,
and much loved son of George
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service for David at St. James's
Churca, Gerrards Cross, on Monday. Tim March at 5.00 p.on.
Iothowed by cremation at Sough
Crematorium. No Howers. Dodatons to David Hartley. Memorial
Fund. National Westminster Benk,
High St.. Uxbridge.

HUGH-JONES.—On 21st February.
1981. In hospital after a stroke,
Dora Arpoid (see Eales). aged
82 years, for 53 years the loving and devoted wife of Edward
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Birmingham on Saturday. March
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HUNT.—On Feb 21st. 1981, at a nursing home in worthing. Cacil Bertram, aged 95 years, son of the lale Reverend O, Hunt, Vicar of Budbrooke, Warwick, formerly Roctor of Chozoy, Somerset, Roculem Mass at St., Andrew's Church, Ciffton Rd., worthing, on Monday, 2nd March, at 2,30 p.m. followed by burial at Durington Cemetry.

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Loxion, of 34 Albany Road,

Windsor, in her 90th year, after
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4 p.m.

MANN.—On 24th February, neacefully at his home in Coulsdon,
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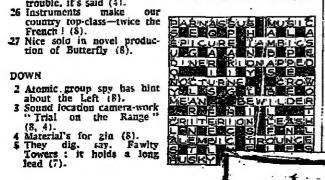
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